

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

MAY 12, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on May 12, 2010 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Rob Goodwin, Louis Eller and Mark Chain. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Vern Holmes, Kevin Greene, Eric Gross, Carl Smith, Bill Gavette, Frank Nadell and Joe Enzer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Jenny Cutright administered the Oath of Office to Mark Chain, Mike Kennedy and Gene Schilling.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

MOTION: made to keep the same Board of Directors Officers as last year. It carried and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were: Approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting, Approve Current Bills & Balances and Approve Ambulance Collections.

MOTION: made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Election Summary Jenny Cutright said there were 904 total voters in the election. She said there were 90 at polling place #1, 22 at polling place #2 and 792 mail in ballots received. She noted 3161 ballots were mailed out.

Project Graduation Ron Leach said this is an important event in the community. He said that here is a photography company renting the station for a photo shoot. He said he would like to give the \$500 rental fee to Project Graduation. The Board of Directors verbally approved this request.

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Fire Code Adoption, Garfield & Pitkin Bill Gavette said that Garfield County has adopted the 2009 International Building Code & International Residential Code. He said that the biggest change is that the codes require sprinklers in all single family dwellings regardless of size. He added that Garfield County has delayed the sprinkler requirement until 1/1/2013. He also said that Pitkin County has not adopted the Code but plans to and will delay the sprinkler requirement and Gunnison County is planning to adopt the code but delete the sprinkler requirement.

Bill Gavette said that Garfield County is looking at updating the fire code and are reactivating the fire code commission. Discussion regarding inspections and adopting codes followed.

Pine Beetle Situation in Marble Ron Leach said that there are residents in Marble that are concerned about the pine beetle problem and associated fire hazard. He said that they would like the fire district to require property owners to cut down trees. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Missouri Heights CWPP & USFS Mitigation Project Bill Gavette said the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Missouri Heights is almost done. He added that the BLM is planning a mitigation project west of the gravel pit. Ron Leach said the work is part of the stimulus project and it uses out of work veterans to do the work. He said because the CWPP is done, it is eligible for funding. The BLM is calling it a 'snapshot project'. Ron Leach said the mitigation project will get statewide, if not national, attention. He added they would be mitigating 27 acres in 3 weeks.

Ron Leach added the Marble CWPP is complete. It was funded by a BLM grant that Gunnison County obtained.

Black Boxes in Ambulances Louis Eller questioned if the new ambulances have a black box in it. Carl Smith said they do not. Louis Eller said that all trucks purchased with grant money will soon be required to have one.

OLD BUSINESS

Chiefs report regarding lease purchase for ladder truck Ron Leach said a lease purchase for a ladder truck would cost about \$130,000 per year for 10 years. He said the District needs another ladder truck and if Amendments 60 and 61 pass, the District will not be able to do lease purchases. Further discussion regarding ISO ratings, ladder trucks and proposed Amendments followed. The Board of Directors verbally approved moving forward on this issue.

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Hiring Ron Leach said he is filling an open position. He said the funds for the position were made available when the EMS Coordinator left his position. Ron Leach added that he has decided not to hire an EMS Coordinator but a Training Coordinator. He said that training is the key to the organization and particularly to ISO rating. Ron Leach reviewed the ISO rating and how training fits in with ISO requirements.

Ron Leach said that he has offered the Training Coordinator to Rob Goodwin and Rob has accepted. He added that the Board needs to appoint his replacement. Ron Leach said that Rob Goodwin's resignation from the Board of Directors will be effecting May 21, 2010 and he will begin working on May 24. Discussion regarding Rob Goodwin's new position followed.

Ron Leach said the last time there was an opening on the Board of Directors, there was an advertisement in the newspaper and the Board of Directors accepted letters of interest. Gene Schilling said he would like to do that again and the Board of Directors can make a decision based on the pool of qualified applicants.

Discussion regarding moving the regular June Board of Directors meeting to June 2 followed. It was verbally approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation Rob Goodwin submitted his letter of resignation effective May 21, 2010. He said that he has enjoyed working with Board of Directors more than he thought he would. He said it was a whole different perspective for him. He has been proud to work with Board of Directors, he said that they have always had interest of people in district at heart when decisions were made.

Ron Leach said that Rob Goodwin started at the Fire Department in 1987 and was hired in 1992, working as a Deputy Chief for 12 years. He said his work and programs are evident in everything that we do. He added that he respects Rob and looks forward to having him back.

Sopris Surfers Gene Schilling said that Sopris Surfers are putting internet on Elephant Mountain this summer. He said he is currently negotiating with them for free internet service for the District and Town.

Thanks Vern Holmes thanked Jenny Cutright, Kevin Greene and Josh Greene for their work on the election. Jenny Cutright thanked Vern Holmes for all of his help with the election.

Louis Eller thanked Kevin Greene for doing the SCBA mask fit testing. Kevin Greene added that Carl Smith was a big part of the testing too.

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MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 7:05. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Gene Schilling, President