



ROARING FORK FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY

Final Minutes 3/18/2025

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Vice President Arthur, Board Member Young, Treasurer Striegler, Chief Thompson, Deputy Chief of Operations Cornelius, HR Director Thomas, Facilities Director Klein, Division Chief of EMS Luttrell, Executive Assistant Diamond. *Lifesize* - Attorney Cole, Fire Marshal Mele, Paramedic / Firefighter Wall, Board Member Heivly, Deputy Fire Marshal Stott, IT Director Johnson, Board Member Duroux, Finance Director Thompson, Finance Specialist Janet Herrera

Executive Session: President Van Walraven motioned to go into Executive session under §24-6-204(4)(b), C.R.S., to receive legal advice from the District's general legal counsel on specific legal questions regarding the Station 46 water tank failure. Vice President Arthur seconded the motion. All were in favor of the executive session, and none opposed it.

The second session resumes starting at 9:29.

Chief Report: Chief Thompson introduced Calvin Klien, our new Facilities Director.

-Chief Thompson told the Board about Resolution 2-2025 regarding the Eagle County Hazard Mitigation Plans that we would agree to our input and move forward with the FEMA hazard mitigation funding. Chief Thompson said we must go to FEMA for reimbursement if we have another wildfire.

-Motion - Vice President Arthur motioned to accept Resolution 2-2025, the most recent and FEMA-approved version of the Eagle County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025. Treasurer Striegler seconded the motion. All the Board members favored passing Resolution 2-2025, and none opposed the motion.

-Chief Thompson gave an update on Station 42 construction, saying we are two weeks ahead of schedule as of last week.

-Chief Thompson said we need a good plumbing and mechanical bid for Station 42.

-Chief Thompson told the Board that the metal for the vehicle maintenance building should be here within the next 2-3 weeks.

-Chief Thompson said we are preparing to pour the slab for the maintenance building.

-Chief Thompson advised the training tower has been ordered, and we've hired a local contractor to do the concrete.

-Chief Thompson said he put down 50% for a mobile home for the crew while Station 42 was under construction. Chief Thompson said we are waiting on Holy Cross to do the new service on the mobile home, which is scheduled for May.

-Chief Thompson said ISO has set a planning meeting for the third week of April, and President Van Walraven will also receive an invite.

-Chief Thompson reminded the Board that the remaining Admin staff will be moved out in mid-April. Chief Thompson told the Board there would be an information sign at Station 42 with information about the move for citizens.

-Chief Thompson said he will be out of town for the June 17th meeting, so we may need to reschedule it.



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Finance Report: Finance Director Thompson told the Board we got paid for two fires, and they still owe us \$200,000.

-Finance Director Thompson said she received the tax money for February, which came in under four million.

-Finance Director Thompson said we were paying many bills upfront with subscriptions at the beginning of the year, and we had three payroll months as well; that should level off in the next two months.

-Finance Director Thompson informed the Board that several capital purchases are coming up in the next two months.

-Finance Director Thompson said the budget will significantly change next year as facilities will have their payroll and capital projects.

-Finance Director Thompson said Janet is training on payroll and will run the June payroll while she is out of town; she will check it before it goes out.

-President Van Walraven asked Finance Director Thompson if she heard the feds pulling fire reimbursement money. Finance Director Thompson answered, No.

-Chief Thompson said he applied for a Federal Grant and will find out **on April 1** if we get the money. Chief Thompson said we were impacted by a 20% cut in our local White River National Forest employees and will not have the seasonal crews checking campgrounds this year. Chief Thompson said our Severity Crew will need to do more this year.

Human Resource Report: HR Director Thomas told the Board that Calvin Klein, the new Director of Facilities, started last week.

-HR Director Thomas said Wildland Crew offers have gone out.

-HR Director Thomas said the interview for the LT replacement is May 5.

-HR Director Thomas said the Career Expo is happening at CMC Spring Valley on April 8. HR Director Thomas said this allows junior and senior high schoolers to explore career options.

-HR Director Thomas said she is working on updating the policy manual for May or June to have policy updates on voting in at least ten policy changes. HR Director Thomas said she would summarize the current and proposed proposals for that meeting.

Fire Marshal Report: Fire Marshal Stott said there are a few ongoing projects in the area, such as Building 10 in Snowmass 23,000 sq ft. Fire Marshal Stott said the old restore in Basalt is under construction, and the Tree Farm Terrace may be ready by October.

Deputy Chief Cornelius Report: Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board we have 256.25 total volunteer hours for February. Deputy Chief Cornelius said four of our newest volunteer members are attending the Colorado Mountain College (CMC) Fire Academy, and one is attending the CMC EMT course; we expect all to graduate in May. Deputy Chief Cornelius said there were 272 Total Incidents in February 2025 and 145 EMS-related incidents, an increase of 22 incidents, 8.8%. Deputy Chief Cornelius noted that compared to February 2024, we had 250 Total Incidents and 134 EMS-related incidents. Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that we have 626 total incidents and 279 EMS-related incidents, an increase of 106 or 20%. Deputy Chief Cornelius noted that compared to 2024, we had 520 Total Incidents and 275 EMS-related incidents. Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that false call incident types saw a 30.6% increase, and Good



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Intent incident types saw a 59% increase.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that the new ambulance chassis is at the factory in Chehalis and that we have been prepaid to receive a 5% discount. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the anticipated delivery date is September or October 2025.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius said we completed a final inspection on March 4 for our ITURRI Wildland 3 truck, and delivery will occur on Thursday. Chief Thompson said a wet-down ceremony will happen when the graphics are finished. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the second Wildland 3 has a painted chassis and body and is on the factory floor, with an anticipated completion in April. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the chassis for the first Mini Pumper is at the international dealership, and the tentative plan is for delivery in late 2025.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that we are making a lot of progress with the Career Progression Strategic Planning Initiative, which was completed last year. Deputy Chief Cornelius said several upcoming training opportunities, including FDIC in Indianapolis, a Safe Tech Solutions EMS Leadership Academy, and an in-house S-212 Wildland Fire Chain Saws course, are available.

Master Plan Discussion: Chief Thompson explained to the Board that our Master plan says we need fifteen people in the station to be fully staffed. Chief Thompson explained that the ISO uses a format to calculate staffing, and by using the Fire Marshal, and Division Chiefs that respond to calls, ISO shows us at 14.6 responders per day.

-Chief Thompson said we moved the hazmat group into the Public Safety Council. Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that they are actively working on expanding the ES10 group plan and that the Carbondale Fire Department and Aspen Fire are also involved.

- Chief Thompson told the Board that the Genasys program will be rolled out for wildfire notice; it's an app to put on your phone if they have pre-evacuation or evacuation orders. Chief Thompson said it would launch this year, and it worked well in Los Angeles

Public Comments: None

Member Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Vice President Arthur motioned to end the meeting, and Treasurer Striegler seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:59
none opposed.

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