



Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 16, 2024

Call to Order: Noting that a quorum was present, President Van Walraven called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on April 16, 2024.

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Vice President Duroux, Treasurer Young, Director Williams, Director Foster, Chief Thompson, Finance Director Thompson, Executive Administrative Assistant Diamond, Deputy Chief Cornelius, and Deputy Chief Issel.

Approval of Minutes: Vice President Duroux motioned to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 19, 2024; Director Foster seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and all were in favor; none opposed. The motion carried 5-0.

Chiefs Report: Station 42: -Chief Thompson told the Board that the last environmental assessment for the Station 42 rebuild project was done by the Crawfords in 2010 and was reviewed by our Attorney. Chief Thompson said the assessment company assessed our fuel tanks, and our area had no fuel spills. Chief Thompson said nothing had been picked up in the test wells on the property. Chief Thompson confirmed with the Board that they were good to use this assessment.

-Chief Thompson said the property purchase will close on April 30, 2024, and a news article about it will be published on May 1, 2024. Chief Thompson informed the Board that in June 2024, Scott Condon, a reporter for the Aspen Daily News, will retire.

-Chief Thompson said the water attorney is working on a line extension agreement with the Mid-Valley Water District to bring water across JW Drive this summer.

-Chief Thompson said they will finalize the training center during tomorrow's construction meeting. Chief Thompson said the color of the training facility would be picked in tomorrow's construction meeting. Chief Thompson said once all that is complete, that would go out for bids. Chief Thompson told the Board that the maintenance building was already out for bids.

-Chief Thompson told the Board we have yet to start the programming for this building, which will break ground next spring. Chief Thompson reminded the Board that the current phasing is the maintenance building, the training facility, and then infrastructure.

-Chief Thompson said the Crawfords ordered the elk fence, and there is no hurry to finish it immediately or move the Crawfords' trailer house, which is on our property.

Location and extent: -Chief Thompson told the Board that Tom Newland would submit the paperwork for the location and extent; Eagle County has thirty days to complete that. Chief Thompson said we will then have to go to the Planning Commission.

Ladder Truck Update: -Chief Thompson told the Board that the ladder truck would be out of service for the next few weeks as we await parts. Chief Thompson told the Board the Basalt ladder has moved up to Snowmass Village; if needed, we can ask for a Carbondale Fire ladder truck.

Iturri : -Chief Thompson told the Board that Deputy Chief Cornelius and he would be out of town at FDIC negotiating with Iturri over the type three brush trucks. Chief Thompson will also inquire about a future brush truck for the Thomasville Station, which could take 45 months to obtain.

Station 46: -Chief Thompson told the Board that the water tanks are very close to being fixed. Chief Thompson said notice had been given to the bonding company for a claim for the failed tanks. Chief Thompson said he would inform Peter Martin Insurance, the insurer of our contractor, of the claim as they called wanting to know the final cost of the station. Chief Thompson is hopeful they will have fire sprinklers working within the week.

-Chief Thompson said the tanks will be filled once the irrigation pump is hooked up to the pond. Deputy Chief Issel will work with the person who is putting in the ground pipes. Chief Thompson said an assessment will be done on the ground pipes, as some were damaged. Chief Thompson said they can complete the landscaping once this is done and the plan will be finished.

Deputy Chief Cornelius Report: -Deputy Chief Cornelius told the Board that we responded to a structure fire at the Gant in Aspen on March 26 as part of the major incident response model. Deputy Chief Cornelius said we used our drone, and the guidelines worked well; we are building trust with other agencies. Deputy Chief Cornelius said six units were involved, and asbestos was found. Deputy Chief Cornelius said all personnel were notified of the exposure.

Finance Report: - Finance Director Thompson told the Board she notified the Roaring Fork Board of backfill money posted to the DOLA website from the two bills, SB22 and S23b-001. Finance Director Thompson said the Basalt Fire portion was just over \$300,000; the net was \$657,000 of unbudgeted revenue. Finance Director Thompson said \$350,000 will go back to operational reserves. Finance Director Thompson said the Counties were supposed to receive the money on April 15; it is unknown when we will receive it.

-Finance Director Thompson said we will close on the property at the end of the month, and a significant transfer of the bond money will be wired out of the bank.

Public Comments: none

Board Comments: -Treasurer Young is eager for a press release to go out as this is the first significant spending of the bond money. Treasurer Young also wants to ensure the Crawfords are praised in the press release. Chief Thompson assured the Board that he is working on this already, so there is much to celebrate.

Staff Comments: -Deputy Chief Issel informed the Board of a forklift purchase to help our move go smoothly; they decided on a forklift instead of a crane. Chief Thompson said this would save us time and money, and there would be no trailer to move it to as it is for this campus. Chief Thompson said they will do an OSHA class for training and liability.

-Vice President Duroux asked about the orange flags in the field behind Station 42. Chief Thompson said they were put in for the fence by the Crawfords, showing our five purchased acres. Chief Thompson said we have a twenty-foot setback all the way around and a fifty-foot setback on the front of the property.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn: Director Williams motioned to end the meeting, Vice President Duroux seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 5:21.

To watch this meeting in its entirety, please go to the following link:

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