

Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District Board Minutes

Minutes for February 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**Station 41 - 20 School St
Basalt, CO 81621**

Call to Order: 5:12 p.m.

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Vice President Duroux, Treasurer Young, Board Member Foster, Board Member Williams, Chief Thompson, Finance Director Thompson, Secretary Diamond, (Lifesize) HR Director Thomas.

Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2025, Board Member Foster motioned to accept the minutes from January 21, 2025. Board Member Duroux seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and none opposed accepting the January 21, 2025, minutes.

Attorney Cole: None

Chief Thompson Report: Chief Thompson said the construction at Station 42 is moving well ahead of schedule.

-Chief Thompson told the Board that the temporary modular house is coming out on April 1 and is expected to be delivered by the middle of April.

-Chief Thompson said our tender is being built.

- Chief Thompson said we have submitted our ISO paperwork and are hoping for a Class 2 rating, as this is required every five years. Chief Thompson said we got points for a training facility and staffing upgrade with a minimum of ten.

Finance Report: Finance Director Thompson stated that we received \$120,000 in interest on bond funds, so we are breaking even; the synopsis is on the back page.

- Finance Director Thompson said we must pay some money for the dispatch center. Finance Director Thompson explains that this will be broken out, and then we will bill them \$500,000. Finance Director Thompson told the Board that Pitkin County would take over all those payments when the construction was only working on the dispatch center. Finance Director Thompson explained that Pitkin County has a formal plan to make all the repayments to the Authority. Chief Thompson added that Pitkin County has signed an agreement with the architect. Chief Thompson and Attorney Cole are meeting next Monday to review the IGA.

Chief Thompson hopes to get a break on user agency charges for hosting them in our facility.

Discussion

HR Report: None

Deputy Chief Cornelius Report: Deputy Chief Cornelius gave the Board an Iturri update regarding our new trucks. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the first Wildland truck is coming in early March. Deputy Chief Cornelius said the second Wildland truck would be identical to the first one and is expecting delivery in April. Deputy Chief Cornelius informed the Board that the first mini-pumper is scheduled to arrive later this year. Deputy Chief Cornelius informed the Board that the mini pumper would not require a CDL driver; it can be classified as a type 3. Chief Thompson said the distributor, Mile High Fire Apparatus, is in Denver for warranty needs.

-Deputy Chief Cornelius said we are seeing an increase in volunteer hours; several employees are enrolled at CMC.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Board Member Williams motioned to end the meeting. Vice President Duroux seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 5:34 pm., with all in favor and none opposed.

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BFD Pension: Final Minutes 2/18/2025

Call to order: 5:00 pm.

Roll Call: President Van Walraven, Vice President Duroux, Treasurer Young, Board Member Foster, Board Member Williams, Chief Thompson, Finance Director Thompson, Secretary Diamond, (Lifesize) HR Director Thomas, Captain Sardinsky.

Approval of Minutes: August 20 2024, Board Member Foster motioned to approve the Pension minutes from August 20, 2024. Board Member Young seconded the motion; there was no discussion; all were in favor, and none opposed accepting the August 20, 2024.

Finance Report: Finance Director Thompson informed the Board that we must submit a checklist to FPPA outlining our anticipated expenses for paying volunteers, which occurs every other year. Finance Director Thompson said the 2025 actual valuation plan A is what we are paying our retirees; about 40 people are in the plan. Finance Director Thompson said we are waiting for the study, which is expected to be released in late June or early July and will be presented at the next meeting. Finance Director Thompson said FPPA has 1.8 million in the account; \$79,000 was put in last year by the District. Finance Director Thompson informed the Board that if a choice were made in August, we could deposit more money into the account, and the changes would take effect on January 1, 2026.

Discussion -

New Business: None

Adjournment: Vice President Duroux motioned to end the meeting. Board Member Foster seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 5:12 pm.

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