



JEFFERSON-COMO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 9, 2020

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District (District) was held at Station 5 and via TELECONFERENCE on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

1. President Pete Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

a. Board Members present and constituting a quorum:

Pete Ambrose, President - VIA TELECONFERENCE
Ken Parma, 1st Vice President - VIA TELECONFERENCE
Clark Carlton, 2nd Vice President
Wayne Miller, Treasurer
Samuel (Tazz) Stolhand, Secretary - VIA TELECONFERENCE

b. Directors Absent:

c. Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith and Deputy Chief Steve Bargas

d. Others Present:

Attorney Dylan Woods - VIA TELECONFERENCE

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes

Director Miller moved to approve the August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Director Carlton seconded and the motion passed.

3. Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

There was no conflict of interest to disclose by any of the Board members present other than what has already been disclosed.

5. Citizens' Comments

None.

6. Chief/Operations Report

- August Emergency Calls: 4-fire, 13-EMS 1-Haz Mat, 3-Service, 1-False alarm; there are 199 calls year-to-date.
- Lt. Arellano and FF Dakota Kell can register for the EMT class on November 1st.
- Deployed Type 6 to the Cameron Fire for a 24-48 hours but ending up being less.
- Fire Inspection program is in progress.
- Gene Nagle is going to teach an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class and is getting the licensing through the Colorado Department of Public Safety renewed allowing the District to be an EMR Training Center.
- Responded to a semi-truck accident. Crews were on the highway for a long time. A bill for the District was tagged to the Colorado State Patrol Haz Mat bill. Crews helped remove diesel tanks used equipment and cleaned bunker gear.

- Employee that was working under a workers' comp claim is back to work on a 40-hour schedule with the same pay. He will need to successfully complete a pack test. Out of the three new volunteers, two have been participating, one hasn't.
- Engine for 2014 Dodge 2500 v#3988 – Estimated time to get the new engine is several weeks.
- Stations – Propane bids – Amerigas would be 1.68 per gallon. Bailey Propane structures their rates differently and to not offer members a discount; however, the average price per gallon over a two-year period is approximately 1.19 and they quoted 1.60 per gallon. Lost Park Owners Association is already with Bailey Propane so they'll be added to the District's account. After further discussion, Director Ambrose moved to change the District's propane supplier to Bailey Propane. Director Carlton seconded and the motion passed. Chief Smith will sign contract with Bailey Propane.
- Vehicles: Received replacement wildland truck from Colorado Department of Public Safety which is a 2005 Stewart Stevens military truck. It will be upgraded with LED emergency lights. Brush 67 needs 4 new tires, Rescue 65 – 2 tires, brush 65 – 2 tires, two brush trucks need alignment. Cost for all tires at A&E is approximately \$1,800. The UTV has been ordered. The ESC meeting was postponed, but Chief Smith will get an update on them paying half the cost at the next meeting. The reimbursements for Coronavirus Relief Funds will be a total of \$7,200.

7. Financial Report

- a. The financial reports: Payables/Cash Receipts, Payroll Reports, Colotrust Statement/Reconciliation for period ending August 31, 2020 and Budget vs. Actual year-to-date were distributed via email and hard copy. After discussion, Director Miller made a motion to approve the financial reports and bills for August the amount of \$66,941.58. Director Carlton seconded and the motion passed. Total account balances in Colotrust General Fund and Wells Fargo District Checking as of August 31, 2020 was \$1,288,219.18.
- b. All financials and any supporting documentation will be submitted to the auditor. It was reported that the August Colotrust and Well Fargo account reconciliations were reviewed by Treasurer Miller. Volunteer checking account information will also be given to the auditor.
- c. Attorney Dylan Woods reported for Administrator Bargas that she attended a Fire and Police Pension Association webinar regarding FPPA 2020 Legislation Changes to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan. The Statewide Death and Disability Plan contribution rate increased from 2.8% to 3.0% for period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The employer contributions will increase .5% annually through 2030 to a total of 13% of pensionable earnings. The employer contribution rate for 2020 is 8% and for 2021 is 8.5%. New rates will be given to Chief Smith for budget purposes and will be included in staff year-end emails.

8. Legal – Attorney Dylan Woods

- Watched discussion regarding Amendment B – Referred Measure to Repeal the Gallagher Amendment. If passed, ratcheting down will stop and remain at 7.15%; District's that are already "De-Gallagherized" above 7.15 will continue to calculate their mill-levies at whatever rate froze the offset at the 7.2%.
- Impact fees with respect to the cisterns – fire districts are eligible to benefit from impact fees but themselves are not entitled to impose them; this would have to be done through Park County.
- Should be receiving a check for \$8,000 for the agreement regarding 2014 Dodge 2500.

9. Auditor

Nothing to report.