

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 BUDGET
NOVEMBER 12, 2024
STATION 41 1850 RAILROAD AVE., RIFLE, CO 81650**

The continued Public Hearing on the 2025 budget was called to order by Chairperson Lambert at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Alan Lambert, President
Addy Bristol, Vice President
Dick Miller, Secretary
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via conference call)

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Zach Pigati, Operations/Wildland Division Chief
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Training Division Chief
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel for the District (Via Conference Call)
Bill Smith, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)
Tyson Tell, Firefighter/EMT (Via Conference Call)
Jonathan Baker, Lieutenant/EMT (Via Conference Call)
Chris MacGregor, Firefighter/Paramedic (Via Conference Call)
Grant Stewart, Firefighter (Via Conference Call)
Eric Davis, Facilities Manager (Via Conference Call)
Kortnie Valencia, Administrative Support Assistant

It was noted that this is a continuation of the Public Hearing held on October 8, 2024. There is no public present.

Chief Sackett presented two budget options: one with hiring a mechanic and one without. Both include a base budget with a 3% cost of living adjustment. Key updates include the inclusion of a \$105,000 wildland grant for personnel for next year and adjustments to interest income projections based on current market conditions. The 2025 budget also reflects projected average wildland revenues. The mechanic position was discussed in detail, including the process of determining the District's maintenance and repair needs

based on national standards for fleet management. Chief Sackett explained that this new position is essential to ensure the reliability and readiness of the District's apparatus, vehicles, and equipment. The position is a vital investment for operational efficiency and long-term savings. Without this position, the District would face increased downtime and higher costs for outsourced repairs.

With no other business to come before the Board, at 6:59 p.m. Chairperson Lambert continued the Public Hearing to the December 10, 2024 Board meeting.

APPROVAL:

The foregoing Minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 12/10/2024



Adam M. Lambert

Date: 12/10/2024



Richard J. Miller