

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET  
October 8, 2024**

**STATION 64, 775 CASTLE VALLEY BLVD. NEW CASTLE, CO 81647**

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 Budget was called to order by Chairperson Bristol at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board Members Present:**

Dick Miller, Secretary  
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer  
Addy Bristol, Vice President/Acting Chairperson  
Paige Haderlie, Director

**Board Member Absent:**

Alan Lambert, President

**Others Present:**

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief  
Zach Pigati, Operations/Wildland Division Chief  
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Training Division Chief  
Orin Moon, Prevention & Facilities Division Chief  
John Gredig, IT Director  
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director (Online)  
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel for the District (Via Conference Call)  
Kevin Carlson, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)  
Kevin Alvey, Battalion Chief  
Tim Nix, Wildland Battalion Chief  
Kortnie Valencia, Administrative Support Assistant

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:**

**1. Open Public Hearing -Proposed 2025 Budget**

**a. Confirmation of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing**

Chief Sackett confirmed that a notice of this Public Hearing had been properly published in the Post Independent on September 27, 2024, and in the Citizen Telegram on September 26, 2024. It was also displayed at the administration office and on the District's website at [www.crfr.us](http://www.crfr.us).

**b. Review of Proposed 2025 Budget**

Chief Sackett reviewed the proposed 2025 budget with the Board, highlighting a significant reduction in assessed valuation, leading to a 26.7% revenue drop (approximately \$3.5 million). Chief Sackett stated that the conservative budget being presented is designed to maintain stability for the department. Chief staff would like to give personnel a 1-3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) if funding is available. The Board and Chief Sackett discussed aspects of the proposed 2025 Budget, including the importance of having qualified mechanics for fire apparatus and the need for a comprehensive understanding of associated costs and market competitiveness in staffing.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**3. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Bristol adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

**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 Public Hearing held on the date stated above.

Date: 11/12/2024



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