

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 9, 2024

STATION 61, 775 Castle Valley Blvd., New Castle, CO 81647

Chairperson Lambert called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Alan Lambert, President
Dick Miller, Secretary
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via Conference Call)

Board Members Absent:

Addy Bristol, Vice President

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire 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
Eric Davis, Facilities Manager

The motion was made by Secretary Miller and seconded by Treasurer Milton-Baker to excuse Vice President Bristol from the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board discussed amending the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Board meeting to reflect accurately the Board members who proposed the motions.

Treasurer Milton-Baker made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Board meeting; Secretary Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:

Attorney Ross reviewed the updated status on a few of the bills on his firm's Legislative Tracker, particularly SB24-194, which would provide additional revenue sources for fire districts. Board discussion ensued.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Sackett reviewed his report with the Board. He provided an update on the first week of the academy and how Captains Carrol and Lister have done a great job putting it together. He mentioned this is a foundation for Colorado River Fire Rescue and the commitment to long-term success. He also congratulated two new Lieutenants to the team.

Fire Chief Sackett met with the new Interim Town Manager for the Town of Silt, Jim Mann, on a possible public safety facility in Silt. Jim Mann advised Fire Chief Sackett that the Town is out of space for the Town's size. The Town needs to conduct a space needs study. Fire Chief Sackett and Jim Mann discussed what that would look like and that the District would want to be included in the study. They discussed different possibilities, including replacing Station 61 and making the station in Silt an administrative station. They agreed to have additional conversations regarding these possibilities.

There was also a discussion among Board members about scheduling a special Board meeting to review the proposed Lexipol policies sometime before the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Fire Chief/ Division Chief of Operations and Wildland Pigati: Review and Consider PO to purchase new 1.75-inch hose for all engines.**

Fire Chief Sackett and Division Chief of Operations and Wildland Pigati requested the Board review and consider approving a purchase order for 1.75" hose for each engine. The hose is necessary District personnel to engage in fire attack and rescue operations. It also will ensure the Engines and Truck have the same hose and some in reserve for rehabilitation. The options were reviewed. Secretary Miller moved to approve Option 2, which authorizes the expenditure of \$21,188.80 to purchase 100 sections of 1.75" hose from Sea Western Inc., using budgeted money for this item. Treasurer Milton-Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Fire Chief/Administration: Review and Consider r the draft strategic plan.

Fire Chief Sackett requested that the draft strategic plan be reviewed to seek to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness by shaping, enhancing, and adapting to changing circumstances.

OPERATIONS/WILDLAND UPDATES:

Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati reviewed his report and stated that he completed wildfire refresher training and a leadership program. The team conducted multiple community service initiatives, provided training to neighboring departments, and coordinated with external agencies for mitigation efforts.

EMS/TRAINING UPDATES:

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke expressed his immense enthusiasm in observing the camaraderie flourishing within the academy. He noted that the District recently hosted "Irons and Ladders" on April 5th, with a maximum capacity of 32 students. The Training Consortium successfully filled all available seats, with twenty-three students being Colorado River Fire Rescue members, including those from the District's recruit class.

PREVENTION/FLEET/FACILITIES UPDATES:

Prevention Division Chief Moon reviewed his report, noting that he provided feedback on a significant subdivision site plan review for Garfield County. The major subdivision project aims to divide a 27.52-acre lot into 5 lots, accompanied by a new road leading into the subdivision. Chief Moon forwarded his comments to the County, emphasizing the necessity for water supply and hydrant infrastructure. Additionally, he suggested various options that could be explored to address these requirements.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DATA UPDATES:

IT Director Gredig stated he has been involved in multiple projects: developing evacuation zones for Dispatch through the County mapping project, collaborating with County GIS to set up a test Mitigation Tracking website, and integrating data into maps. He is also focusing on implementing Lexipol protocols, drafting proposals for a new phone system, and ensuring the smooth implementation of Check IT.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE UPDATES:

Administrative Director Tillman and Administrative Support Assistant Valencia have been busy facilitating the onboarding process for the recruits and delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the District benefits available. Tillman has also been engaged in

reviewing Lexipol policies with the other Chief Staff. Additional efforts are ongoing to collect various documents necessary for the forthcoming 2023 financial audit.

DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS:

Lieutenant Langner, Firefighter Fields, Firefighter Mote, and Paramedic Mason enhanced training realism with a door prop for Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search training. Facilities Manager Eric Davis' versatile support, from building props to equipment setup, was crucial for academy readiness. Antonio Archuleta, Chelsey Johnson, and James Noah's dedication to outfitting recruits should be commended for creating a welcoming environment. Great work, everyone!

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Secretary Miller stated he is pleased to hear how well the opening week of the academy is going and hopes to see all of them graduate in June!


Treasurer Milton-Baker commended the District's remarkable personnel, emphasizing their commitment that surpasses expectations. President Lambert concurred, expressing gratitude for the hard work and dedication exhibited by all involved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 7:53 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 meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 5/14/24 
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