



Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District

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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 14, 2024

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, August 14, 2024.

Director Pete Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members present and constituting a quorum:

President Pete Ambrose
Vice President Mark Kell
Treasurer Wayne Miller
Secretary Arlan Kluth via teleconference
Director Terry O'Neill

Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith
Katherine Winter
Kevin Yamagiwa
Gerad Arrellano
Piotr Holysz

Others Present:

Attorney Dylan Woods, Coaty Woods, P.C., via teleconference
Ashly Dorey, Community Resource Services, via teleconference

Review and Approval of Minutes

Director Kell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting, seconded by Director Miller, the motion carried.

Agenda

Director Ambrose requested the addition of a discussion about InBank during Managers Items. The Board approved the agenda as amended.

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest

There were no potential conflicts to disclose by Board members present other than what has already been disclosed.

Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Chief/Operations Report

- Chief reported the District responded to 29 calls in July.
- Lt Kell, FF Yamagiwa and FF Smith were deployed to the Quarry Fire for three days.



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- Lt Kell is now on severity assignment with South Ark in California.
- The District had a request for FF for South Ark Type 3, however did not accept as the unit was in an undetermined location in Nevada; not enough information was available.
- Kathryn Abrahamson is working with Chief to complete the wildfire billing federal audit. They are working to re-input the 2023 information and will then be able to input 2024.
- The ES Council purchased an EV Extinguishing System; the unit is on NWFPD Engine 42. Chief and Chief Cook are working together to establish policies and procedures for this equipment. It's a small piece of equipment that's meant to cool down electric vehicles.
- The ES Council wrote a check to the District for \$1,850.00 for the purchase of burn permit credits.
- Still awaiting PM on old radios and new code plug.
- New structure gear should arrive this week. The cost was lower than originally expected, totaling \$70,000 and with \$20,000 provided by the state, it only cost the District \$50,000. Chief plans to keep a log of gear moving forward.
- There is no new update on the DFPC Distribution for wildland PPE yet.
- The Air Boss Burner unit cost has been quoted at \$77,750.00 with a 2-day training for \$7,080.00 and insurance of \$2,624.00 annually. The grapple attachment for tractor quoted at \$1,399.99. Training is also available online.
- Chief has been working to write an FRWRM Grant to provide funds for the Air Boss Burner unit. It's been a difficult grant in the past. Will keep working towards getting this submitted.
- The District has been given a well from Indian Mountain Property Owners Association. Chief would like to see an additional cistern attached to the well. He will be able to provide pricing at next month's meeting.
- Firefighter 1 academy through Hartsel Fire starts this week, no one from JCPFD is attending this time. Planning to have a FF2 training in February with Hartsel.
- Chief Smith and Steve Bargas went looking for good locations to house new cisterns, they have identified 3 potential locations.
- Due to legislation, the District may not be able to move forward with Broadcastify.

Stations:

- T-Shirt order has arrived.
- Chief would like to order tool storage and workbenches for the garage, which needs some organization for better ease of use. He circulated some options he located at Lowes. He plans to clean up the space for efficiency.
- A new bay door for Station 5 has arrived.

Vehicles:

- Regular maintenance continues.
- Work continues on Rescue 65's front end damage, awaiting parts to complete.

Financial Matters

- a. The financial reports: Payables/Cash Receipts, Payroll Reports, Colostrust Statements/Reconciliation for period ending 7/31/2024 and Budget to Actual were distributed to the Board. Director Miller reported that he reviewed the financial reports including the Wells Fargo credit card with closing date of 7/31/2024.



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- Following review and discussion, Director Miller made a motion to approve the financial reports and bills for July, less wages paid to Dakota Kell, Director O'Neill seconded, and the motion carried.
- Director Miller made a motion to pay Dakota Kell's wages, Director O'Neill seconded, and the motion carried. Director Kell abstained from the vote.

Legal Matters

- a. Attorney Woods reported the SDA conference will be held in Keystone from September 10th – September 12th.
- b. He also noted that he did some research into InBank and has no objections.

Administrative Matters

- a. Ms. Dorey gave a brief overview of InBank and their partnership with CRS of Colorado. The Board had some discussion and asked questions regarding credit cards through InBank and details on their fee structure. Ms. Dorey will speak to a representative at InBank and ask them to attend the next Board meeting in September.
- b. Chief reported that he spoke to Denver Fire Department Federal Credit Union, and they can't currently take the District because they're not a local union.
- c. Director Miller recommended checking with Credit Union of Colorado as an option for District banking; Chief will look into it.

Other Business

- a. None

Adjournment:

There was no further business to come before the Board and Director Ambrose moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Director Miller, the motion carried, and Director Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that the August 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on September 11, 2024.

/s/ Pete Ambrose

Pete Ambrose, President