



DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
6181 COUNTY ROAD 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223
February 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Gretchen Abel, Rose Abel, Nancy Mickelson and Cathy Mask

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by R. Abel at 6:02 PM.

PRAYER: Led by JR Niblett

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Led by R. Abel

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Motion by G. Abel to approve the January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by N. Mickelson - Discussion: None - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

RESOLUTION - This public hearing is to adopt the DMFPD 2024 Annual Budget.

As required, the budget was presented to the board by January 30. The budget hearing was advertised in our paper of record in Cañon City on February 7, 2024, notifying the members of DMFPD that they may review the budget and file any objections. The Amended Budget has been posted on the bulletin boards since February 2. To my knowledge, no objections have been filed. Does anyone present have any objections or changes to the 2024 Budget? As there are no changes to the proposed 2024 Budget as presented to the board members or by the public.

- Motion by G. Abel to pass Resolution 20240221-01 to adopt the 2024 DMFPD Budget with estimated revenues of \$880,962.34 and estimated expenditures of \$878,962.34. This resolution was circulated to the board prior to this meeting for review. Second by N. Mickelson - Discussion: None. - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.
- **VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** R. Abel
Status of Vacant Board Member Application: None have been submitted. There remains one open board position.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: G. Abel

Motion by G. Abel to table the January Treasurer's Report and the February Bills Paid Report till the next regular meeting in March. Second by R. Abel - Discussion: None - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by G. Abel to issue a debit card to Marion JR Niblett on the main account of the DMFPD at the Bank of the San Juans. Second by R. Abel - Discussion: Card for use for purchases that cannot wait until the next board meeting for approval. - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by G. Abel to allow Marion JR Niblett to contact the DM attorney, Dan Slater after receiving approval from the DMFPD Board regarding FD issues. Second by R. Abel - Discussion: None - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- **PUBLIC INPUT:** Howard Dixon inquired about a sign order. Signs are needed for the safety of staff. G. Abel indicated they were ordered from Amazon and lost in transit. **ACTION ITEM** for G. Abel to follow up.
- **CGC REPORT:** C. Mask
Motion by C. Mask to approve sending overdue unpaid EMS ambulance response fees to a collection agency. Second by G. Abel. - Discussion: Estimated amount due is approx. \$42,000. All those owing funds to DMFD have been contacted multiple times. - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.
- **ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT:** N. Mickelson
Discussion of required website accessibility to meet HB 21-2110 requirements by July 2024. Currently the DMFPD website is out of compliance. An accessibility plan is needed though an outside vendor and will be reviewed again next month. **ACTION ITEM** for G. Abel to follow up.
Motion by N. Mickelson to approve seeking committee members for a Mill Levy Increase Study Committee. Second by C. Mask - Discussion: Looking for members within the district to come forward to assist the board. Currently the mill levy is minimal and has not increased for 20 years. - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

STATION REPORTS: JR Niblett

- EMS calls 27 and 64 training hours – Fire calls 6 and 26 training hours
- Completed two background checks for FD staff.
- Letter received in reference to building compliance. Office in Building A is being dismantled and items relocated to locked spaces within the community hall.

- Following investigation, the Fire Chief found no merit to the official reprimands of two staff members. A letter stating such is now included in their personnel records.
- Thank you to the board for all efforts.
- Recognition of two FD staff members - Capt. Anderson assisted with training and Lt. Nowlan stepped up as interim chief. EMS staff and volunteer firefighters work tirelessly for the community.
- The boundaries have come back to the original boundaries - MM77 to Hillside up to Eagle Peak - MM 14 is the end of the boundary. Mutual aid will be maintained.
- Purchase request for four batteries for a cot for EMS. Approved by G. Abel
- Recommendation to sell the newly acquired fire truck because: the truck is too long for DMFD purposes; it has drop chains destructive to the station; and it is built for use with fire hydrants.
Motion by G. Abel to approve looking into the sale of this truck. Second by R. Abel - Discussion: None. -
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: R. Abel

- Next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by R. Abel to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. Second by G. Abel. - Discussion: None - - Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Gregg, recording secretary