



**DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
6181 COUNTY ROAD 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223  
March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Gretchen Abel, Rose Abel and Cathy Mask

**DIRECTOR ABSENT:** Nancy Mickelson

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by R. Abel at 6:01 PM.

**PRAYER:** Led by JR Niblett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by R. Abel

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by G. Abel to approve the February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by C. Mask. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:** G. Abel

**January Treasurer's report**

Checking account balance as of December 2023	\$ 449,440.69
Month of deposits	\$ 20,475.13
Income plus beginning balance	\$ 469,915.82
Expenses to date in January	\$ 38,889.37
Total checking account funds	\$ 430,026.45
Emergency Reserves	\$ 62,429.82
Capital Improvements	\$ 324,839.27
Engine Debit Account	\$ 6,655.78
Total funds available (1/31/2024)	\$ 823,951.32

Motion by G. Abel to approve the Treasurer's Report for February. Second by C. Mask. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

**February Treasurer's report**

Checking account balance as of February 1, 2024	\$ 449,440.69
Month of deposits	\$ 20,475.13
Income plus beginning balance	\$ 469,915.82
Expenses to date	\$ 38,889.37
Total checking account funds	\$ 430,026.45
Emergency Reserves	\$ 62,429.82
Capital Improvements	\$ 324,839.27
Engine Debit Account	\$ 6,655.78
Total funds available (2/29/2024)	\$ 823,951.32

Motion by G. Abel to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Second by C. Mask. Discussion: The starting balance in February was questioned. G. Abel will review balances as well as the Bill's Paid in March and clarify at next month's meeting. **ACTION ITEM** for G. Abel. Vote: None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

**VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** R. Abel

The Board Chair position remains open and a volunteer is requested. A community member indicated that Carlos Allen is interested and will submit an application. He was unable to attend tonight due to a family emergency.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Daryl Burks commented on a rumor that a potential new engine boss hire was rejected, thus limiting wildfire income. Abel reported that the Board was not aware of any new engine boss being turned away and the fire department is still seeking staff.

**STATION REPORTS:** JR Niblett

EMS calls 18 and 93 EMS training hours; Fire calls 11 and 71 Fire training hours.

Note that there were 12 calls in two days during the recent storm. Many thanks to our hardworking, dedicated staff.

Completed two background checks for FD staff, Jacob Farrell and Andrew Ford.

**OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Website Accessibility: Met via Zoom with Streamline. This company can provide services that will assure the DMFPD website meets accessibility requirements per state law. Streamline is used by other Colorado special taxing districts to meet ADA Accessibility Laws (i.e. HB21-1110, SB 23-244 and 8CCR 1501-11) with an initial cost of \$1500 and monthly cost of \$140. The deadline for compliance is July 1, 2024. DMFPD's website is 97% out of compliance. JR Niblett indicated requirements may become a Federal mandate. The board will determine at the next board meeting, the needed new direction/change to the DMFPD website. Note that all information currently archived on the website will still be available by request.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** R. Abel

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by R. Abel to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. Second by G. Abel. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Gregg, recording secretary