



**DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 3, 2020 @ 1800
6181 COUNTY RD. 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223**

CALL TO ORDER: JR called the meeting to order.

PRAYER: Patrick said a prayer for the district, EMS crew.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: JR led Pledge of Allegiance

CHANGES TO AGENDA: JR is making changes to the agenda. Moving up Old or unfinished business: 14 day posting for Chief up to the beginning. He also moved up the Employee handbook, and permitting.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14 Days posting for Chief: Sherry explained that the board made a mistake. All Chief candidates must be posted for 14 days prior to being appointed according to the laws. This was double checked with Dan Slater and he stated that this is true. The board has posted the candidates for 14 days, and we are now starting over in appointing the Chief. A new oath must be taken. We apologize for this mistake.

Employee book: JR made a **motion** to accept new changes to Employee handbook dealing with Pay reports. **Second-** Sherry. **Discussion-**none. **Vote-**unanimous. Motion carried.

Permit plumbing/generator/battery: JR stated we needed a permit for plumbing and generator gas for building A. No one has come up since the last meeting to give bids. We need a bid for 4 P-traps. This will be accomplished at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Fire: There are 3 people out on the Gooseneck fire, near Creed Colorado, North of Wolf Creek Path. They may come home next week, or they may extend depending on the conditions of the fire. Becky asked if the names of the Firefighters could be given. Joe Watts, Matt Brown, and KC McNew are on the fire.

Board Business: JR is going to resign his position tonight as Chairman of the Board. He will continue to help in anyway necessary. JR made a **motion** to accept his resignation as Chairman of the Board. **Second-** Sharon. **Discussion-**none. **Vote-** unanimous, JR abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

New Board Chair: JR would like to recommend Patrick Smith as the new Board Chairman. JR made a **motion** to accept Patrick as the new Board Chairman. **Second-** Sherry. **Discussion-**none. **Vote-**unanimous.

Patrick Smith accepts the Board Chairman position. Patrick took the oath.

“ I **Patrick Smith**, do solemnly swear by the ever living God, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Colorado, and faithfully perform the duties of the office of Board of Director of the Deer Mountain Fire Protection District upon which I am about to enter.” (Attachment 1)

Chief posting: Sherry made a **motion** to accept JR Niblett as Chief of the Deer Mountain Fire Protection District. **Second-** Sharon. **Discussion-**none. **Vote-**unanimous, JR abstained.

Chief Oath: Sharon swore in JR Niblett as Chief.

“I **Marion Niblett JR**, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Fire Chief as prescribed by law and to the best of my ability, and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the State of Colorado and of the United States of America also the bylaws of Deer Mountain Fire Protection District, so help me God.” (Attachment 2)

Gallagher Law: Has been put onto the November ballot to repeal this 1980’s law. If this law is repealed, tax rates on residential and commercial land will be reevaluated due to a \$3 billion dollar deficit of the State. Currently residential is at 7.1% and commercial is at around 29%. This could cause a 10-15% reduction in tax income to DMFPD. This equates to \$24k-38k in lost revenue to the district. This will be brought up at the next regular board meeting as it may affect the public's willingness to pass the mill levy. Sherry requested Sharon to create paper copies for those that do not use the internet. If the Gallagher bill does not pass, then the RAR % rates will remain frozen at the current levels. If it does pass residential and/or commercial property tax are open to change by state and/or local district. A link to the video will be posted on the DMFPD website after the 7-15 meeting. Patrick and Sharon would like to show the video at the next meeting.

NFR’s Reports: as Chief, JR would like to hire Anita Gregg to help get the NFR’s up to date which are required by law. He is willing to donate \$4,000 of his own paycheck to pay for this. Patrick made a **motion** to accept Anita Gregg to help get the NFR’s up to date at a rate of \$4,000 per year which will be provided from JR Niblett’s pay as Chief. **Second-** Sherry **Discussion-**Sharon wants to make sure this is legal. **Vote-**unanimous. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular board meeting- July 15, 2020 @ 1800 (6:00 PM)

VOTE TO ADJOURN: Patrick made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. **Second-**Sharon. **Discussion-**none. **Vote-**unanimous. Meeting adjourned.