

**DEER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2019 @ 4:00 PM
6181 COUNTY RD. 28, COTOPAXI, CO 81223**

CALL TO ORDER - by Elaine Foster, Vicechairman. Board members present: Elaine Foster and Karen "Kala" Fritsche.
Absent: Sherry Hastings

PRAYER - Led by Mike Kevilus

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE - Led by Assistant Chief Themel

CHANGES TO AGENDA – Motion by Elaine to move "Open board position" to the beginning of New Business.
Seconded by Kala. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Apology: Apology made by Elaine Foster regarding how an issue was handled at the November 20, 2019 board meeting.

Open board position: Motion by Elaine to appoint Michael "Mike" Kevilus to one of the open board position.
Seconded by Kala. Motion passed unanimously. Mike came forward and was sworn in with the Oath of Office by Elaine. Mike signed Oath of Office (attached) and Notice of Appointment. Mike agreed to take the chairman position.

Meeting with Attorney Dan Slater about two Nov. 20, 2019 votes in question: Kala motioned to take the matter regarding two votes, which were taken at the November 20, 2019 regular board meeting that have been called into question by members of the public, to Attorney Dan Slater to secure a letter from him as to whether the votes were valid or not. Elaine seconded. The votes concerned Kala's appointment to the board and Chip Foster resuming his duties in the fire department. Kala offered handouts of copies of the Colorado State Statutes and the Board of Directors' Bylaws with the definitions of quorum and majority present and voting, showing that the vote to appoint her was valid but that it is important that Attorney Slater review the vote and give a written opinion, else board actions that she takes could be called into question in the future. The issue of conflict of interest regarding Chip Foster's vote would also be presented to the lawyer for his written opinion. Kala also stated that she was going to talk privately to Attorney Slater about the civil rights and harassment complaints and investigations that are pending. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy for the December 18, 2019 meeting: Kala motioned not to have a deputy at the Dec. 18, 2019 regular board meeting. Elaine seconded. Brief discussion about why the issue came up in the first place. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike announced that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM and thanked those present for attending this meeting.

VOTE TO ADJOURN: Motion by Mike to adjourn. Seconded by Kala. Motion passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Foster, Vicechairman