

Berthoud Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Meeting Subject:
Board of Directors

Location:
District Office
275 Mountain Ave., Berthoud

Meeting Organizer / Contact:
Jill Wilson (970) 532 – 2264

Date: 03/17/2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Items

Call to Order / Roll Call 6:02 p.m.

Board President, Dan Hershman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.. Directors present were President Dan Hershman, Vice-President Michael Cook, Secretary Gary Maggi, Director Eric Ryplewski and Director Dave Shipley.

Others in Attendance: Fire Chief Steve Charles

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by a motion from Director David Shipley and seconded by Vice-President Michael Cook. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes.
Approval of the February 2020 Financials

The consent calendar was approved following a motion by Vice President Michael Cook and seconded by Director Dave Shipley.
Motion carried.

Personnel

None

Board of Director Action

None

Communications from Staff

Stephen Charles, Chief

Election Update - Director Shipley and Director Maggi must be sworn in for their upcoming term after May 5, 2020 but prior to the May Board of Directors meeting.

The 8th Firefighter Position on hold due the current health crisis.

A **COVID-19** (Coronavirus) report was presented; front staff have been assigned to work from home to reduce the possibility of being exposed to COVID 19. Firefighters have been provided appropriate PPE to minimize their exposure during response to incidents. District response to EMS calls for service have been reduced to those circumstances as to when TVEMS 331 is out of District.

Staffing - A staffing contingency plan has been developed and implemented.

Gas & Oil Opposition - Mayor Karspeck's position on gas & oil drilling within the Town of Berthoud was presented. Mayor Karspeck has proposed restricting residential development within 2,500 feet of an oil & gas well or pad site. Additionally, he also proposed a ban on future oil & gas wells within the Town of Berthoud.

Chief Charles noted that 87% of the District's Weld County revenue comes from gas & oil; 47% of the District's total revenue comes from gas & oil. Wilson Ranch has 4 existing gas & oil wells with 8 more proposed. The Mayor's proposals would significantly impact the future of gas & oil revenues for the District.

Media Report - a comprehensive PIO Analytics report was provided to the Board of Directors.

IGA's for VOA / Golden Links / R.A.F.T. - Administrative Assistant Jill Wilson consulted with legal counsel. Additionally, Jill drafted a new contract and use rules for those who wish to rent meeting room space.

Meeting Room / Kitchen Availability – currently available for limited use.

CAD / Station Alerting / IP update - Station 1 has all of the hardware installed and is now live with Loveland Communications. Station 2 has all of the hardware installed; however, they are still working on a connection with Loveland Communications. Going live is scheduled for March 24, 2020 but has been indefinitely postponed due to the current health crisis.

SCBA Update - The new Scott SCBA's have been delivered and each shift is training on the use of the new SCBA's.

Training Update – Multi-company training has been postponed until the current health cease to exist. Company training continues as scheduled. Future training that consist of groups will be rescheduled.

Sound / Echo Reduction / Training Room & Mtg. Rooms – Currently waiting on bids.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan / Standard of Cover / Continuity of Operations Plan & Emergency Operations Plan / Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad Mitigation Plan / Strategic Plan & Capital Replacement Plan – Each plan is currently under review and being updated as needed.

Proposed Sick Leave Revision - The District's sick leave policy is currently under review with a proposal to purchase long term disability and develop a short disability plan that is self funded.

	ISO (Alternative Water & Water Tender) - An updated was provided to the Board.
--	--

Communication from Board of Directors / Open Discussion

None

Adjournment

Board President, Dan Hershman called for a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:47p.m. Director David Shipley made the motion and Vice-President Mike Cook seconded the motion.

Signature Page

X 


Dan Hershman
Board President

X 


Michael Cook
Vice-President

X 

Gary Maqai
Secretary

X 

Eric Ryplewski
Director

X 

Dave Shipley
Director