

**RED, WHITE & BLUE FIRE DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting**

**of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Time: 2:30 pm      Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023  
Location: Red, White and Blue Main Fire Station  
316 N. Main Street, Breckenridge, CO 80424

**1.0 Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 2:36 pm by Director Syptak

**2.0 Roll Call**

  X   Austyn Dineen     X   Philip Gudlewski     X   Randy Nations     X   Liv Syptak

  X   Chief Nelson     X   Chief Hoehn     X   Finance Off. L. Johnson  
  X   Chief Levi     X   Wildland Coord. Benedict     X   HR Officer Seidler  
  X   L4325 President Caldwell     X   Recording Secretary Natalie Munson

- Citizens Present: Britton Fossett, Joe H., Allyn Mosher

*Some attendees utilized various technological platforms to attend the meeting.*

**3.0 Approval of Changes to the Agenda**

- Board interviews moved to item 5.5
- Staff reports will be held off till the next board meeting

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to approve the changes to the agenda. Voice Vote, Unanimous. Motion carried.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

- May 25, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
  - No changes to the minutes by the Board.

M/S Directors Nations/Syptak to approve the regular meeting minutes from the May 25, 2023, meeting. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

**5.0 Citizen's Comments & Matters of Public Hearing**

- No public comments

**5.5 Vacant Board of Directors Seat**

- Introductions/Interviews of candidates- Patrick Finley, Britton Fossett, Joe H., Allyn Mosher

**6.0 Approval of Financial and Budgetary Reports**

- Approval of Claims Detail
  - May 2023

- Finance officer Johnson expanded on some of the larger claims such as Pinnacol Assurance, the Colorado Firefighter Heart & Cancer Benefit, NDM Attorneys at Law fees for litigation against T-Mobile, and US Digital Designs for upgrades made to the room remote system.
- Director Syptak asked about the Finley Jones & Harris claim and its relation to the OZ Architect. Chief Nelson explained Finley Jones & Harris is related to the station 4 remodel and the OZ Architect claim is related to station 6 remodel/new build.

M/S Directors Dineen/Gudlewski to approve the Claims for May 2023. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

- Review of the Variance Report
  - The Board discussed the report.
- Review of the Income Statement
  - The Board discussed the report.

## 7.0 Chiefs' Reports

- *Finance Division Updates –L. Johnson-*
- *Human Resources Updates – Seidler-* Director Syptak asked for more detail on the fraudulent unemployment claim.
- *Administrative Division Updates – Nelson-* Director Syptak asked for an update on the T-Mobile litigation. Chief Nelson explained T-Mobile's attorney said they were not interfering with the health and safety of our firefighters and that our attorney was following up with them.
- *Operational Division Updates – Hoehn-*
- *EMS Division Updates – Levi-*
- *Wildfire Division Update – Benedict-*
- *Accreditation Report – Kline-*
- *Local 4325 Updated – Caldwell-* Director Syptak asked if he had a target for when the Collective Bargaining contract will be done. L435 President Caldwell explained the contract is still under development and nearly done but there is no set submittal date.

## 8.0 Unfinished Business

- Fire Chief Transitional Update
- Continued discussion on Fire Chief Hiring Consultant

M/S Directors Dineen/Syptak to approve the contract with Prothman for a national chief search. Voice Vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

## 9.0 New Business

- 2023 Budget Changes

M/S Directors Nations/Syptak to approve expenditures for 2 new staff vehicles and repairs to the roof at Station 6 outside the 2023 budget. Roll Call Vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

- Co-Interim Compensation

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to approve increased compensation for Chiefs Nelson and Hoehn while in the roll of Co-Interim Fire Chief. Roll Call Vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

- Board Committee Assignments
  - Chief Hoehn explained the by-laws relating to the compensation and investment committees and appointments. Staff recommended holding off until the full board is seated next meeting.

- Vacant Director Seat Appointment

M/S Directors Syptak/Gudlewski to appoint Britton Fossett to the vacant Director Seat. Roll Call Vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

## **10.0 Executive Session**

No Matters for Executive Session

## **11.0 Adjournment**

M/S Directors Nations/Dineen to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.