

**RED, WHITE & BLUE FIRE DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting**

**of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Time: 3:30 pm      Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Location: 316 N. Main Street, Breckenridge, CO 80424

**1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Director Syptak.

**2.0 Roll Call**

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

  X   Chief Nelson     X   Chief Hoehn     X   Finance Off. L. Johnson     X   HR Officer Seidler  
  X   Recording Secretary Natalie Munson     X   Battalion Chief Kuhn     X   Wildland Captain  
Benedict     X   Local 4325 President Tim Caldwell     X   Local 4325 Treasurer Dan Felt     X   Local  
4325 Member John Kivlan     X   Training Captain Johnson     X   Accreditation Manager Jason  
Kline

**3.0 Approval of Changes to the Agenda**

- Move “New Business” to Item 7 and “Chief(s)’ Reports” to Item 9 in the agenda.
- Add “Coordinated Election” discussion to New Business

M/S Directors Fossett/Nations to approve the changes to the agenda. Voice vote, unanimous.  
Motion carried.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

- April 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes- Director Syptak asked that Ms. Amanda be changed to Ms. Seidler. Prothman was also misspelled and needs to be corrected.

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to approve the regular meeting minutes from the April 25, 2024, regular meeting, as amended. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

- May 8, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

M/S Directors Nations/Gudlewski to approve the special meeting minutes from the May 8, 2024, regular meeting, as amended. Roll call vote, Nations, Gudlewski, and Syptak in favor, Dineen and Fossett abstained. Motion carried.

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

- Citizen’s Comments
- No matters for public hearing

**6.0 Approval of Financial and Budgetary Reports**

- Approval of Claims Detail

- April 2024

M/S Directors Fossett/Dineen to approve the Claims for April 2024. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

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

## **7.0 Chief(s)' Reports**

- Finance Division Updates –L. Johnson- Ms. Johnson stated our Medicaid audit is complete for 2024.
- Human Resources Updates – Seidler
- Administrative Division Updates – Nelson- Director Syptak asked Chief Nelson how it would be possible to completely shut down the single staircase legislation. Chief Nelson explained we must continue to push to keep code enforcement at the local jurisdiction.
- Operational Division Updates – Hoehn- Director Dineen asked if the cost of fuel will increase because we are now fueling up at the 7-11 and Chief Nelson explained it will be about the same cost. He also explained that we have back ups in place should they be needed. Director Syptak asked what the Wildland Rendezvous in Silverthorne is, and Chief Hoehn explained it's a partnered effort to educate the community on wildfire. Director Gudlewski asked if the District Chaplain would be a paid or volunteer position. Chief Hoehn explained it would be a volunteer position.
- EMS Division Updates – Levi- Director Syptak asked about the difficulties that have been identified by Chief Levi and other law enforcement agencies at their last meeting and how they will be addressed.
- Wildfire Division Updates – Benedict- Director Syptak asked if Captain Benedict is happy with how the wildland interface is working out and he said yes. Director Syptak also asked how homeowners' insurance policies are progressing for homeowners in the District. Captain Benedict answered it's going well and not a huge concern now but consist of about 70% of the work he is doing now.
- Accreditation Report – Kline- Battalion Chief Kline explained the Annual Compliance report has been approved.
- Local 4325 Updated – Caldwell- Director Gudlewski asked for an update on hiring. Director Fossett asked if the applicants have already been through fire academy and Chief Nelson explained we have a mixture of some that only have single-role EMT/Paramedic without any fire certifications.

## **8.0 Unfinished Business**

- No matters of new business

## **9.0 New Business**

- Hiring of Chief Executive Officer and Fire Marshal and the Fire and EMS Chief and approval of the employment contracts.

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to hire Jay Nelson as the Chief Executive Officer and Fire Marshal and to hire Drew Hoehn as the Fire and EMS Chief. Voice vote, Unanimous. Motion carried.

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to approve the employment contract for Chief Jay Nelson with the standard 3/5th majority for suspension/termination discipline. Voice vote, Unanimous. Motion carried.

M/S Directors Gudlewski/Fossett to approve the employment contract for Chief Drew Hoehn with the standard 3/5th majority for suspension/termination discipline. Voice vote, Unanimous. Motion carried.

- Approval of updated Board of Directors By-Laws and Set Future Expectations

M/S Directors Dineen/Nations to approve the update to the Board of Directors By-Laws. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors held a discussion on the expectations of board members.

- Coordinated Election Discussion- Chief Nelson explained the County has reached out to RWB to coordinate the District getting on the ballot this November.

#### **10.0 Executive Session**

- No matters for executive session.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

M/S Directors Dineen/Gudlewski to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.