South Arkansas Fire Protection District
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 12, 2024
Time: 0857 hours
Location: Not stated in the source minutes

Board Members Present

- Harold Starbuck
- Jeff Graf
- Rich Edgington
- Fred Jackson
- Rick Spradling

Board Members Absent and Excused

- Not stated in the source minutes.

Meeting Proceedings

1. Call to Order

President Harold Starbuck called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

3. Approval of January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Open Session

No open-session comments were recorded.

5. Attorney Report

No report.

6. New Business

Resolution No. 2024-3

Resolution No. 2024-3 updates per-diem rates for wildland firefighters.

- Motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-3.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

Wildland Personnel COLA

The Board considered a 4.8% cost-of-living adjustment for wildland personnel rates.

- Motion to approve a 4.8% increase to wildland personnel rates.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

7. Financial Report

The January monthly budget and expenses were reviewed.

- Motion to accept the January monthly budget and expenses.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

8. Staff Report

Interim Chief Kathy Rohrich

- The Type III engine was on its way and expected to arrive in Fort Collins on February 15. A final inspection was being planned for the week of February 19; Rohrich asked whether Board members wished to attend and said she would confirm the date.
- The City of Salida had hired a new Fire Chief; further details were not available.
- Rohrich presented two training requests. The Board approved the requests.
- The final boot memorandum of understanding was presented for review.

9. Old Business

- The commercial appraisal was completed and reviewed.
- The Board asked Rohrich to arrange a special meeting with the City Administrator to discuss finalizing the MOU and the new Fire Chief. Rohrich would try to schedule it for February 26 at 9:00 a.m. and confirm availability.
- Jeff Graf asked that the Wildland Program Director attend the next meeting to explain how the program works.
- The Board discussed whether the Wildland Program should receive an annual audit.

10. Good of the Order

No items were recorded in the source minutes.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2024.

In Attendance (as listed in source)

Harold Starbuck; Jeff Graf; Rick Spradling; Rich Edgington; Kathy Rohrich; Sara Marquez; and Christy Doon.

Secretary for the Meeting