South Arkansas Fire Protection District
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 11, 2024
Time: 0900 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 9:00 a.m. New Fire Chief Aaron Jonke attended his first meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of February 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes.
  - Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Open Session

No open-session comments were recorded.

5. New Business

- Captain Chris Bainbridge gave the Board an overview of the Wildland Fire Program.

All training requests were approved.

6. Financial Report

The February monthly budget and expenses were reviewed.

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

7. Staff Report

Fire Chief Aaron Jonke

- The Type III engine was expected to be delivered on Friday.
- Jonke recommended reviewing the District's liability insurance to confirm coverage was sufficient.
- Jonke would review the hiring process and personnel files.
- Jonke was looking into grants that might help the City upgrade its trucks.

Assistant Chief Kathy Rohrich

- Divided Sky Subdivision was awaiting paperwork; North Cleora Subdivision remained in process.

- The District was working with its credit card provider to determine how to increase the credit limit.
- Rohrich attended the March 1, 2024, Wildland-Urban Interface code session. She said specific inspections might be required and would advise the Board if requirements changed.

8. Old Business

- Regarding the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City, Jeff Graf said he felt a dollar amount should be included to move negotiations forward. Chief Jonke asked the Board to wait until he had an opportunity to review the IGA.
- This was Rick Spradling's final Board meeting. He had sold his house and was moving out of state. The Board thanked him for his service. President Starbuck said Art Hutchinson was interested in joining the Board and planned to attend the April meeting.

9. Good of the Order

No items were recorded in the source minutes.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for April 8, 2024.

In Attendance (as listed in source)

Harold Starbuck; Jeff Graf; Rick Spradling; Rich Edgington; Kathy Rohrich; Sara Marquez; Aaron Jonke; and Chris Bainbridge.

Secretary for the Meeting