



South Arkansas Fire Protection District BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 13, 2024

Time: 0903 hours

Location: Not stated in the source minutes

Board Members Present

- Rich Edgington
- Harold Starbuck
- Fred Jackson
- Art Hutchinson

Board Members Absent and Excused

- Jeff Graf (excused)

Meeting Proceedings

1. Call to Order

President Harold Starbuck called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to accept the agenda.
 - Motion by: Fred Jackson
 - Second by: Rich Edgington
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

3. Approval of April 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the April 8, 2024 Board meeting minutes.
 - Motion by: Rich Edgington
 - Second by: Art Hutchinson
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Open Session

No open session was held.

5. Financial Report

Sarah Marques presented the monthly financial reports.

- Motion to approve the monthly financial reports.
 - Motion by: Fred Jackson
 - Second by: Rich Edgington
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Attorney Report

Assistant Chief Kathy Rohrich discussed attorney fees for two property owners seeking inclusion in the District. Fees were \$900 per owner. The District had collected a \$500 deposit, with the owners responsible for the balance.

7. Fire Chief Report

Chief Jonke discussed priorities for future equipment purchases. At Art Hutchinson's request, he explained the documentation trail for District equipment sent to other jurisdictions. Jonke planned to pursue grants for equipment needs and address future needs through the budget process.

8. Assistant Chief Report

Kathy Rohrich noted that the Special District Association annual workshop would take place June 10, 2024, at the SteamPlant. Harold Starbuck, Art Hutchinson, and Fred Jackson said they would attend. Rohrich would file paperwork for the five members in the FPPA retirement plan.

9. Wildland Fire Coordinator Report

Chris Bainbridge reported that Engine 311 was deployed to Texas with a crew swap on May 7, 2024. Estimated income was \$26,160. Engine 112 was also deployed to Texas with a crew. Bainbridge agreed to prepare cost figures and plans for wildfire mitigation and ways to better serve the ranching community.

10. Unfinished Business

Art Hutchinson, elected at the April 8, 2024 meeting, was sworn in by President Starbuck.

11. New Business

Board Officer Elections

The Board held elections for two-year terms.

- President: Harold Starbuck, nominated by Rich Edgington; elected unanimously.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff Graf, nominated by Fred Jackson; elected unanimously.
- Vice President: Rich Edgington, nominated by Fred Jackson; elected unanimously.

Staff Recommendations and Board Actions

- Increase the 2024 wildland PPE and clothing budget by \$8,000 and adjust the budget accordingly.
 - Motion by: Rich Edgington
 - Second by: Fred Jackson
 - Vote: Passed unanimously
- Increase the 2024 noncapital tools and equipment budget by \$10,000 and adjust the budget accordingly.
 - Motion by: Fred Jackson
 - Second by: Art Hutchinson
 - Vote: Passed unanimously
- Spend \$500 annually for a new website.
 - Motion by: Rich Edgington
 - Second by: Art Hutchinson
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

12. Executive Session

The Board entered executive session to determine positions relative to matters subject to negotiation, develop negotiation strategies, and/or instruct negotiators under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), concerning the IGA with the City of Salida.

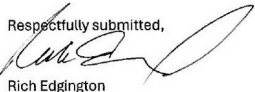
- Motion to enter executive session.
 - Motion by: Fred Jackson
 - Second by: Rich Edgington
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

The Board returned to regular session. The source records a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Motion by: Rich Edgington
 - Second by: Fred Jackson
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Edgington