



South Arkansas Fire Protection District BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 12, 2024

Time: 0901 hours

Location: Not stated in the source minutes

Board Members Present

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

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 9:01 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of July 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

4. Open Session

No open-session comments were recorded in the source minutes.

5. Attorney Report

None.

6. Financial Report

The July monthly budget and expenses were reviewed.

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

Sara Marquez informed the Board that Walke and Associates' monthly fee would increase to \$1,250.00.

- Motion to approve the monthly fee increase.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

7. Fire Chief Report

- The Chief was developing a deployment model.
- The Chief said the next step for the District was to combine into one fire district, with South Arkansas as the lead.
- Debbie Bardel had been let go from her duties due to lack of performance.
- A DFPC burn trailer would be available for one month.
- The stated purchase range was \$675,000 to \$700,000 for a Type 3 engine and \$325,000 to \$400,000 for a Type 6 engine. A Type 6 was about 575 days out once ordered.
- The Chief said Initiatives 50 and 108 would negatively affect the District. SDA recommended simplified Robert's Rules of Order.
- The website needed updating to comply with ADA requirements. The hosting company's stated charges were \$400 per month for hosting and \$500 for initial setup, including an employee portal.
- The Chief and Captain Bainbridge met with Forest Service FRWRM and learned of a grant available through Chaffee Envision. They planned to apply for funding for equipment and mitigation.

8. Assistant Fire Chief Report

- Kathy Rohrich had not received any inclusion or exclusion requests.
- DOLA was reprocessing the District's request.
- CORA fees had been added to the fee schedule. A resolution adding the fee would be presented under unfinished business.

9. Wildland Coordinator Report

- Chris Bainbridge reported that the Type 6 was in California assisting with fires and the Type 3 would leave for California that day.
- Recent monsoons had helped with fires in Colorado.
- District equipment had earned about \$216,000 so far that season.
- The new pay policy was current. Bainbridge planned to review staffing needs in November. Two career firefighters were working on wildfires.

10. Unfinished Business

Amended 2024 Fee Schedule

Resolution No. 4 adopts and approves the amended 2024 fee schedule.

- Motion to approve Resolution No. 4.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

Statewide Ballot Initiatives

Resolution No. 2024-5 asks voters to oppose statewide ballot Initiatives 50 and 108 in the November 5 statewide election.

- Motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-5.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

Website and Hosting Service

- Motion to approve the website and hosting service at \$400 per month, with a \$500 initial setup fee.
 - Vote: Not stated in the source minutes

11. Executive Session

At 9:55 a.m., the Board entered executive session to again discuss the IGA with the City of Salida. Fire Chief Aaron Jonke attended to provide his thoughts.

- Motion to enter executive session.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

At 10:20 a.m., the Board exited executive session and returned to the general meeting.

- Motion to exit executive session and return to the general meeting.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

12. Old Business

13. Good of the Order / Member Input

14. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2024.

In Attendance (as listed in source)

Harold Starbuck; Jeff Graf; Art Hutchinson; Rich Edgington; Kathy Rohrich; Sara Marquez; Rachel Walke; Aaron Jonke; and Chris Bainbridge.

Secretary for the Meeting