



South Arkansas Fire Protection District BOARD MEETING MINUTES (AMENDED)

Date: April 8, 2024

Time: 0903 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 9:03 a.m. Introductions included new Board member Art Hutchinson, Sheldon Morgan, and Andy Majeski.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of March 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Open Session

No open-session comments were recorded.

5. New Business

Sheldon Morgan and Art Hutchinson introduced themselves and described their backgrounds and interest in the open Board position.

- Motion to appoint Art Hutchinson to the Board to fill the open position.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously
- Motion to appoint Rich Edgington to fill the Vice President vacancy left by Rick Spradling.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

Inclusion of Real Property

The Board considered resolutions and orders for inclusion of property in Divided Sky and Cleora North.

- Motion to approve the resolution and order for inclusion of the Divided Sky property.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously
- Motion to approve the resolution and order for inclusion of the Cleora North property.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

The Board heard a report from Laurie Todesco explaining her responsibilities and work on the Wildland Program.

6. Financial Report

The March monthly budget and expenses were reviewed.

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

7. Staff Report

Fire Chief Aaron Jonke

- The Type III engine was still being outfitted with needed equipment, at an estimated additional cost of \$4,000 to \$4,500. Training would take place after outfitting was complete.
- The District might need to increase its PPE budget.
- The Community Risk Reduction Plan was reviewed. Jonke would follow up with numbers and grant information.
- Jonke was working on a new website.
- Todesco and Jonke were working on a new workers' compensation plan.
- Jonke was reviewing standard operating guidelines (SOGs) and standard operating procedures (SOPs), and forming a Red Card Committee.

Assistant Chief Report

- The credit limit increase for the Wildland Program credit cards was completed.
- The Board discussed whether the boot purchase agreement included boot repair. The Board approved adding boot repair to the agreement.

Wildland Coordinator Report

- The annual refresher course was scheduled for April 17 in Salida.
- Engine 112 spent two days in Pueblo.
- Lake George would provide details about when it wanted the Type VI engine.

8. Executive Session

At 10:50 a.m., the Board entered executive session to discuss the IGA with the City of Salida. Chief Aaron Jonke attended to provide his thoughts.

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

At 11:07 a.m., the Board voted to exit executive session and return to the general meeting.

- Motion to exit executive session and reconvene in regular session.
 - Vote: Passed unanimously

9. Old Business

No old business was recorded in the source minutes.

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 11:09 a.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2024.

In Attendance (as listed in source)

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

Secretary for the Meeting