



Record of Proceedings Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District Administrative Offices, 1835 Tuskegee Place, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado with the following directors present and acting:

Call to Order

Director Miller opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with 5 directors in attendance.

Roll Call

- Rene' Sintas - Present
- KaTarra Taylor - Present
- Mark Gass - Present
- Erika Gass - Present
- Paul Miller - Present

Also present were:

Fire Chief Andrew York, Division Chief Thomas Joyce, Division Chief Matthew Gortner, Executive Assistant Virpi Mattson, and Administrative Assistant Dana Carneal taking minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda – Changes, Additions and Deletions

The Board discussed the August 21, 2024 Agenda.

Upon motion by Director E. Gass, seconded by Director K. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

- None

Public Comment for Items Appearing on the Agenda

- None

Approval of Minutes

July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 17, 2024 regular meeting.

Upon motion by Director R Sintas, seconded by Director M Gass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Financial Presentations

Treasurer's Report presentation and approval

Chief York presented the July 2024 Treasurer's Report and reviewed the July check report and credit card report with the Board.

Upon motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director E Gass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Reports

Chief's Report

Chief York presented the Chief's Report to the Board, reviewed monthly statistics for July and highlighted significant events. Chief York briefed on a response to a cardiac arrest at the transfer station off Air Lane. Upon arrival, the patient was unresponsive and had no pulse. CHFD crews provided CPR, getting a pulse back while on scene, and transported the patient to the hospital. Less than a week after this incident occurred, the patient was discharged and walked out of the hospital. The CHFD members who were on this call will be recognized on Saturday before the CHFD Open House begins.

Chief York advised a special legislative session (reference property tax) begins on Monday.

Chief York told the Board that 1331 was involved in an accident with a concrete barrier. There were no injuries, no damage caused to any other property, and the apparatus is still in service.

Upcoming events:

- CHFD Open House is on August 24th
- SDA (Special Districts Association) Conference is in Keystone the week of September 9th

Chief York advised he will be attending the National Fire Academy in September and will attend the monthly Board Meeting via Zoom.

Wildland Program Update: Crews are still in California assisting with fires. There is another crew swap coming up this Tuesday.

Fire and Life Safety Report

Chief Joyce provided an overview of Life Safety and Fire Prevention activities for July. He advised the Board that the City of Colorado Springs is in talks of improving the Chicago Rock Island Railroad Trailhead through the district. This trail (linking two existing segments) will cross four lanes of Peterson Rd. Chief Joyce is requesting the City install pedestrian crossing lights for the safety of those utilizing the trails. The City also plans to build a bridge behind the Care & Share building to cross over the creek along the trail. Chief Joyce will be working on the plan reviews for the bridge with the City of Colorado

Springs Fire Marshal. Director Miller asked if CHFD will have access to controlling the lights that will be on Peterson Rd, in the capacity to help with apparatus responding to calls for service. Chief Joyce replied, while this will not be available with this project right now, he is looking into who to contact to make it a possibility in the future.

Unfinished Business

Facilities Discussion

Chief York stated he found a property to lease for (reserve) apparatus storage and asked the Board to approve an amount he can spend so another meeting isn't needed for approval, delaying an agreement. The property is listed at \$1875 per month, plus utilities. With the cost of the property plus utilities, Chief York asked for approval of \$2100 per month.

Upon motion by Director Sintas, seconded by Director Taylor, the Board unanimously approved allowing Chief York to sign a lease (pending legal review) for up to \$2200 per month on a rental space for reserve apparatus.

2025 Budget

Chief York advised that if the Board moves forward with the sales tax ballot issue, he will be presenting two separate budgets for the department. The first reading of the budgets will be at the October Board Meeting.

New Business

CSD Property and Liability Pool Repayment Agreement

Executive Assistant Mattson briefed the Board on the annual repayment agreement for the employee cancer coverage premium provided by the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool.

Upon motion by Director Sintas, seconded by Director M. Gass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the repayment agreement with the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool.

Resolution 2024-005. A Resolution in Opposition to the Statewide Proposals, Initiatives 50 & 108

Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director E. Gass, the motion to adopt and approve Resolution 2024-005, a Resolution in Opposition to the Statewide Proposals, Initiatives 50 & 108, was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2024-006. A Resolution Calling for a November 5, 2024 Special Election & Appointing DEO

Director Miller introduced the resolution to be discussed, and Executive Assistant Mattson read the resolution to the Board. **Upon motion by Director E. Gass, seconded by Director Taylor, Resolution 2024-006, a Resolution Calling for a November 5, 2024 Special Election and Appointing DEO, was approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

- Rene' Sintas - Yes
- KaTarra Taylor - Yes
- Mark Gass - Yes
- Erika Gass - Yes
- Paul Miller - Yes

Resolution 2024-007. A Resolution Approving the Question of the Imposition of a Sales Tax

This item was tabled until the September 4, 2024 Special Board Meeting, in order to work on ballot language.

IGA with El Paso County Clerk & Recorder

This item did not need to be addressed by the Board at tonight's meeting. Executive Assistant Mattson stated that the Board did not need to vote on this, as she will be able to sign it based on prior resolution.

Public Comment

- None

Board Comment

- Director Miller stated he wants to make sure the citizens know that this sales tax initiative is above board and is ultimately for the benefit of them. It will aid in better equipment and more personnel for response to the needs of the people within the district.
- Director Sintas advised she will have to call in for the next regular Board Meeting as she will be out of town.

Next Regular Meeting

Director Miller acknowledged the next Regular Board of Directors meeting to be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Director K Taylor, seconded by Director M. Gass, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

The foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the above-referenced meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the District on the 18th day of September, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mark Gass, Secretary