# Minutes Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting Tuesday March 21, 2023 0035 County Shops Road, Frisco, CO with TeleCon Attendance Option Available

### Call to Order:

The Regular meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 9:00 AM.

### Roll Call:

Board Members present were Lori Miller, Joe Ben Slivka, Linda St. John, Dan Johnson and Jen Barchers. Staff members in attendance were Fire Chief Travis Davis, Deputy Chiefs John Wilkerson and Brian Schenking, Division Chief Kim McDonald, Battalion Chiefs Ryan Cole, Lou Laurina and Kevin Skaer, EMS Coordinator Joe Hemelt, Captains Todd Hebebrand and Aaron Kaltenbach, Lieutenants Paul Camillo, Steve Wantuck and Doug Beeler, Wildland Specialists Hannah Ohlson and Doug Lesch, Engineer/Local 4528 President, Chris Romano, Firefighter Medics Mike Williams, Tony Marzo, and Corey Okes, EMS Specialist Patrick Turgeon, Paramedic Chris Myers, Firefighter Technicians Aaron Baker, Chris Cuculis, Justin Briggs, Jordyn Butler and Jason Bell, Firefighters Emma Taylor and Jacob Butts, Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Benson, Accounting Supervisor Jessica Fuller, Compensation and Benefits Specialist Erin Mumma, EMS Billing & Coding Specialists Martha Bird and Gayle Cottingham, Admin Tech Ginger Hatton, and Board Secretary/Finance Manager Mary Hartley.

#### **Guests:**

Dino Ross, Attorney at Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC Bill Sowers, Silverthorne Resident Gaylene Bruskotter, Silverthorne Resident Julie Rudick, Silverthorne Resident Susan Yates, Silverthorne Resident Laura Kennedy, Town of Silverthorne Director of Finance & Administrative Services Colleen and Tarn Ihnken

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

M/S/P St. John and Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

#### **Update On Silverthorne Fire Station**

Chief Davis opened the meeting with an update on the status of the Silverthorne Fire Station work that had been completed since the February Board meeting. Chief Davis reported receiving three construction bids that were reviewed at the Special Board meeting on March 13, 2023 from Hyder Construction, Taylor Kohrs Construction and MW Golden Construction. At that meeting, the Board appointed a construction committee of two Board members, one citizen, and staff to move forward with the next step of the process with Taylor Kohrs and Hyder and to recommend which bid to award. The committee will have their first meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. The

committee's recommendations will be brought to the Board for approval at the regular April Board meeting.

Chief Davis discussed working with the S.E.H Architects to finalize the detailed drawings to be presented to the Town of Silverthorne for permitting within the next three weeks.

Chief Davis reported that the bay at the Buffalo Mountain Storage will be ready for one of the District's trucks once the right size heaters are installed.

### **Public Comments:**

Gaylene Bruskotter and Bill Sowers commented on the Fire Station in the Town of Silverthorne.

### **Badge Oath Ceremony**

DC Wilkerson gave the oath of office and presented a badge to Division Chief of EMS Rick Ihnken and Firefighter Emma Taylor.

# **Consent Agenda:**

The following items were presented: Minutes: February 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and March 13, 2023 Special Board Meeting Warrants: February 18, 2023 – March 17, 2023 Financial Report for all funds – February 2023 After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Barchers and Slivka to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

# **Continued Business:**

#### May 2, 2023 Election Update:

Finance Manager Hartley reported that the May 2, 2023 election was cancelled with a notice posted in the Summit Daily Journal legal section on Friday, March 3, 2023 due to not having more candidates for Director than offices to be filled. The three candidates elected by acclamation for 4-year terms beginning May 2023 and ending May 2027 are Lori A. Miller, John R. Piotti, and Jonathan Sinclair. Notice of cancellation was also posted at the District's headquarters building as well as with the Summit County Clerk & Recorder's office and the Department of Local Affairs local government information system. Next steps include administering the oath of office to the three Board members at the May 16, 2023 Board meeting.

# **April Board Meeting Discussion:**

The Board members discussed the need to adjust the time the Board will meet at the next Board meeting on April 16, 2023 due to conflict in schedules. After discussion,

M/S/P Barchers and St. John to approve changing the meeting time to 12:30 pm for the April 18, 2023, Board meeting.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

# Staff Reports:

<u>Attorney</u>: In addition to the written report, Attorney Ross, who was attending the meeting in place of Attorney Powell, reported assisting Chief Davis with the legal aspects and drafting of the

proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement; the Morano property inclusion, for which the District Court granted the Order of Inclusion on February 14, 2023 and was recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder on February 17, 2023; and assisting the District on matters related to construction of the Silverthorne Fire Station.

High Country Training Center: Nothing in addition to the written report.

<u>Wildland All Matters</u>: Nothing in addition to the written report, which was included as part of the operations report.

Finance: Nothing in addition to the written report.

Human Resources: No written report attached or nothing to share.

Community Resource Officer: Nothing in addition to the written report.

Community Risk Division: Nothing in addition to the written report.

Admin Support Services: Nothing in addition to the written report.

<u>OPS/EMS Services</u>: In addition to the written report, DC Wilkerson explained the apparently contradictory data presented in his report.

<u>Fire Chief</u>: In addition to the written report, Chief Davis reported applying for \$1,000,000 funding for a community project under the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiative with help from Sustainable Strategies grant writers. This request went to Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennett and Representative Joe Neguse on March 6, 2023. Chief Davis also reported that he will be on vacation from March 22, 2023 – April 3, 2023.

#### Recess taken at 10:01 AM.

#### Regular Board meeting reconvened at 10:05 am

#### **Executive Session**:

M/S/P Johnson and Slivka to move into Executive Session under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive advice of legal counsel regarding, and discuss matters related to negotiation of, the proposed 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Attorney Ross certified for the record that the Executive Session constitutes privileged attorneyclient communications and would not be recorded. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:05 AM.

M/S/P St. John and Johnson to move out of Executive Session at 11:37 AM. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Regular Board meeting resumed at 11:42 AM.

# Board Discussion Regarding the 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Board, along with Local 4528 President, Chris Romano, discussed the reason behind the inclusion of the Battalion Chiefs in the CBA collective bargaining unit as well as the cooperative negotiation between the Union representatives and Chief staff. After discussion and questions,

M/S/P Slivka and St. John to approve the 2023 - 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement subject to the following changes:

- In Appendix 5, add "except shift trades" to second paragraph under duo role and 4th paragraph under single role;
- In the Table of Contents, correct the Article 3 title to add "Bargaining Unit";
- Appendix 3 change "associates" to" bachelors";
- Label 1-4 Appendices; and,
- Make grammatical corrections.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

# **Board Comments**

None

# **Adjournment:**

M/S/P St. John and Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

DocuSigned by: Mary Hartley

Approved this 18 day of April 2023.

Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

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Lori A. Miller, Board President

I hereby attest that the information communicated during the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.

Dino Ross

Dino Ross, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, was confined to the topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e).

Lori A. Miller, President