

RED, WHITE & BLUE FIRE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Time: 3:30 pm Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024
Location: 316 N. Main Street, Breckenridge, CO 80424

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by Director Syptak.

2.0 Roll Call

X Austyn Dineen X Britton Fossett X Philip Gudlewski X Randy Nations
X Liv Syptak

X Chief Nelson X Chief Hoehn X Finance Off. Johnson X HR Officer Seidler X L4325
President Caldwell X Recording Secretary Natalie Munson X Battalion Chief Nordeen X
Local 4325 Member John Kivlan X Captain Benedict X Battalion Chief Kline

3.0 Approval of Changes to the Agenda

- No changes.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

- March 28, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S Directors Nations/Gudlewski to approve the regular meeting minutes from the March 28, 2024, regular meeting, as amended. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

5.0 Citizen's Comments & Matters of Public Hearing

- Citizen's Comments
- No matters for public hearing

6.0 Approval of Financial and Budgetary Reports

- Approval of Claims Detail
 - March 2024

M/S Directors Fossett/Nations to approve the Claims for March 2024. Voice vote, unanimous. Motion carried.

- Review of the Variance Report and Income Statement
 - The Board discussed the reports.

7.0 Chief(s)' Reports

- Finance Division Updates – L. Johnson- Finance Officer Johnson highlighted the FPPA Volunteer Benefits Analysis report. Director Nations asked what the yearly cost would be to

RWB if there was a move to Plan B (proposed \$500). Ms. Johnson explained it would be around \$15,000/year.

- Human Resources Updates – Seidler- Director Nations asked if there were any additional candidates for the internal Fire Chief position and Ms. Seidler responded that there wasn't. Director Syptak asked about the chemical exposure that occurred at Station 6. Chief Hoehn shared details of the incident. Ms. Seidler highlighted the wildfire meeting on April 4th that was attended by herself, Captain Benedict, Chief Hoehn, and Chief Nelson.
- Administrative Division Updates – Nelson- Chief Nelson gave an update on several legislative proposals that are in development. Chief Nelson asked the Board members what the expectation is for landscaping this summer at Station 4 and 6. The Board members would like to see some quotes from landscaping companies before deciding.
- Operational Division Updates – Hoehn- Chief Hoehn shared that he and Chief Nelson met with the town of Breckenridge to discuss a sales tax to benefit the fire department. It is believed that a half of a penny tax on a dollar would equate to \$4.5 million revenue/year. Chief Hoehn shared the draft of the 2023 Annual Report and the possible utilization of ChatGPT.
- Hiring Manager- Updates- Nordeen- BC Nordeen explained the hiring process to the Board members. He highlighted that last year we had 12 applicants with complete applications versus this year we had 56 applicants with complete applications. He shared that we invited 22 applicants to interview next week and discussed the new position for the single role EMT.
- EMS Division Updates – Levi- Chief Hoehn believes the recent EMS grant that was submitted will most likely be approved.
- Wildfire Division Updates – Benedict- Director Syptak asked about the fire maps included in Captain Benedict's report. He highlighted the effect the El Nino/La Nina patterns have on wildfire. He explained that OPS is currently going through our annual wildland refresher training that is a federal requirement. A broadcast burn took place in Summit for the first time in 30 years. It covered 44 miles and was staffed with 45 crew members.
- Accreditation Report – Kline- Chief Hoehn shared that the annual compliance report is currently under review and is expected to be approved.
- Local 4325 Updated – Caldwell- The Union awarded 2 high schoolers scholarships. There were 72 applicants for the scholarship.

8.0 Unfinished Business

- Fire Chief Hiring Update- Director Fossett shared that herself and Director Syptak are working with Warren from Prothman. Director Fossett explained the schedule for May 8th. There are 2 panels for interviews and 2 rooms reserved at CMC.

9.0 New Business

- No matters of new business

10.0 Executive Session

- No matters for executive session.

11.0 Adjournment

M/S Directors Fossett/Nations to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm. Voice vote, unanimous.
Motion carried.