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Dr. John Hildebrandt, Vice President Jason Buckingham, Secretary
Thomas Kelly, Treasurer Randall Estes, Director
Mark Gunderman, Director Duane Garrett, Director

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: May 22, 2024, 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument

- I. **Call to Order**, 6:31 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** – Present: Kelly, Buckingham, Gunderman, Smaldino, Hildebrandt (6:42 pm).
Excused: Garrett, Estes.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**—Buckingham made the motion to approve the agenda, with a second from Kelly. The motion passed 4-0.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Regular meeting – April 24, 2024. Buckingham made the motion to approve the April minutes, with a second from Kelly. The motion passed 3-0 (Gunderman abstained).
 - ii. Special meeting – May 8, 2024—Buckingham made the motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on May 8th, with a second from Kelly. The motion passed 3-0 (Gunderman abstained).
- VI. **Financial Report**
 - i. Financial Report – April 24, 2024. April financials were presented by Treasurer Kelly. Motion to approve the financials as presented by Buckingham with a second from Gunderman. Motion passed 4-0.
- VII. **Items not on the agenda – Board/Citizen/Staff Comment**
(Individuals will be kept to a 3-minute time limit.)
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - i. Training Center Update—The plat will be finalized in mid–August. Front Range Fire has committed to purchasing a 2-acre parcel.
 - ii. Donald Wescott FPD Unification Update – Two board members remain on the Donald Wescott Board of Directors.
 - iii. Fire Station 3 Update – OZ Architecture working on the design of the final product. A special meeting may be scheduled next week to review layout expectation. Then the land agreement can be finalized.

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- iv. Fire Station 6 Land Purchase Update—The Fire Chief is waiting for the owner of eight acres to contact him with more information. Then, he can present to the board which land option is the best fit.

IX. New Business

- i. Welcome two new board members. Mark Gunderman and Duane Garrett were appointed. Their oaths were taken prior to this meeting.
- ii. Request for exclusion from the District – Rick Bloom, property owner.
RE: Parcel 5100000420
17815 Thompson Road
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X. Chief's Report – The Chief reviewed the report as submitted.

- i. The Chief testified at the Colorado State Capitol on SB 194.
- ii. The District attended the Palmer Ridge High School wildfire workshop.
- iii. Academy graduation occurred on May 3rd. Great collaboration with the District, BFFR, and the college.
- iv. Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 firefighter eligibility list.
- v. The District used the drone yesterday on a medical call at Eagle Rock Distribution Center. The drone has a speaker with infrared capabilities and can carry a small payload. It is the same drone as CSFD, and both agencies have participated in interagency training.
- vi. The District received its first Lucas device with future plans to have one on each ambulance.
- vii. The District participated in 667 training hours.
- viii. CSFD to create an “enterprise” service for ambulance transport.
- ix. The District plans to replace the small tender, but it will take 18-24 months to build.
- x. The new tower ladder is scheduled for delivery in Oct.
- xi. The Station 2 remodel project will be ready for permitting in September.
- xii. Station 4 received a new apron.
- xiii. The Station 4 remodel project is scheduled to be completed by September.
- xiv. DV Bumgarner and Lt. Leonhardt are at the “Station Design” Conference in Phoenix this week.
- xv. More neighborhoods were added to the chipping program this year, and the crews are using two chippers to double up the days

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- xvi. The District is working with USFS and Team Rubicon on mitigation for the fire center. 900 acres are scheduled to burn, weather dependent, in mid-June. DV Bradley said the District has a great partnership with the USFS.

- xvii. Chief Ridings returned from Indiana where he acted as “Peer Assessor” for CPSE.
- xviii. Youth Fire Camp coming up.
- xix. A conditional job offer was made to a candidate for the Fire Technician position.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- i. Audit Presentation – FY2023.
- ii. Public Hearing Request for exclusion from the District – Rick Bloom, property owner.
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- iii. Transfer of Donald Wescott’s Volunteer Pension Fund to MFD.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION: to adjourn. Buckingham made the motion to adjourn with a second from Gunderman. Motion passed, 5-0, 7:14 pm.