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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 AGENDA

Meeting Date/Time: July 24, 2024, 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument

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Meeting ID: 233 530 856 965

Passcode: UH8ht5

- I. **Call to Order** – meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** – Hilderbrandt, Kelly, Gunderman, Garrett present. Smaldino, Buckingham, and Estes with excused absences.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Kelly approved the agenda, and Gunderman seconded.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Regular meeting – June 26, 2024 – Kelly approved the minutes from the June meeting, and Gunderman seconded with a correction to the adjournment time.
- VI. **Financial Report**
 - i. Financial Report – June 2024 – Gunderman approved the financial report from the June meeting, and Garrett seconded.
- VII. **Items not on the agenda – Board/Citizen/Staff Comment**

(Individuals will be kept to a 3-minute time limit.) – Tim Ross, FMO from the USFS, recognized MFD for its collaboration and participation in the prescribed fire last month. Presentations were made to Chief Kovacs and Chief Bradley.
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - i. Training Center Update. – The process continues to move forward and is currently with the Town of Monument.
 - ii. Donald Wescott FPD Unification Update. Unification continues to move forward. The plan to dissolve the Wescott District is nearing completion. IGA transfers with EIS and the Red Cross will occur soon.

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- iii. Fire Station 3 Update. – The process continues to move forward and is in the hands of the property owner and the Town of Monument.
- iv. Fire Station 6 Land Purchase Update. The fire district submitted information to the property owner and is awaiting a revised land purchase agreement.

IX. New Business

- i. Volunteer Pension Plan Affiliation Agreement.
MOTION to approve the Volunteer Pension Plan Affiliation Agreement. – The motion to approve the volunteer pension plan affiliation agreement was made by Director Kelly and seconded by Director Garrett. All directors were in favor, with no opposition.
- ii. Discuss 2025 BOD Meeting Times. The board of directors had a discussion on the 2025 BOD meeting times. Director Kelly expressed concern about the overtime cost to the district for staff to attend the meetings after hours. Chief Kovacs shared that he, Chief Bumgarner, and Chief Bradley are exempt and are not eligible for overtime. Other staff members who attend, on average, would receive two hours of overtime once a month only. Director Kelly made a motion to move the 2025 BOD meetings to 4:30 pm. The meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Director Garrett seconded the motion. All directors were in favor, with Vice-President Hildebrandt in opposition. The motion passed.

- X. **Chief's Report** – Chief Coyle provided the Chief's Report, highlighting several areas of interest to the board of directors. Chief Kovacs gave an update on the fire blanket that was purchased to combat fires in electric vehicles and discussed pending ballot measures (Initiative 50 and 108) in November that may impact the district's property tax revenue. Future considerations for sales tax revenue and impact fee collection in the county were discussed. The idea is that the district should not have all its eggs in its basket when it comes to revenue. Chief Bradley provided a recap of the increased calls for service for reported gas leaks. The district will be meeting with Black Hills Energy representatives to discuss how to improve our response and collaboration should a similar event happen in the future.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- i. Public Hearing for Request for exclusion from the District – Rick Bloom, property owner.
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- XII. Adjourn** – Director Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Director Gunderman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.