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**SPECIAL MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date/Time: October 8, 2024, 6:30 pm  
LOCATION: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call—Present: Gunderman, Estes, Garrett, Kelly, Buckingham (6:37 pm), and Smaldino (6:50 pm).** Excused: Hildebrandt.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda was reviewed and approved. Estes made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Gunderman. Motion passed, 4-0.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
  - i. Regular meeting – August 28, 2024. Gunderman made the motion to approve the August 28<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Garrett. Motion passed, 4-0.
  - ii. The September meeting was canceled due to there being no quorum.
- VI. **Financial Report**
  - i. Financial Report – August 2024. Treasurer Kelly presented the financial report. Estes made the motion to approve the financial report, seconded by 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. DV Bumgarner met with the Town of Monument today to discuss land plating.

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- ii. Donald Wescott FPD Unification Update. At the end of September, the judge approved the district's dissolution. Three agreements were terminated since Monument Fire had existing agreements with the same groups.
- iii. Fire Station 3 Update. DV Bumgarner provided an update and said they would not be breaking ground until 2025.
- iv. Fire Station 6 Land Purchase Update. DV Bumgarner is working with the Town of Monument to develop options for the replat.

### IX. New Business

- i. FY2025 Budget Presentation #1 – Presentation by Chief Kovacs. The Chief included that all objectives have been achieved for the District's strategic plan. There is no plan to increase the mill levy in 2025. The Chief directed DV Bradley to conduct a study on collecting impact fees in the County. In addition, he suggested renaming the investment account to “contingency fund.”
- ii. Acceptance of a Petition for Inclusion and setting the public hearing date – 5775 Mountain Shadow View, Colorado Springs, CO 80908.  
**MOTION: to accept the petition for inclusion of the real property located at 5775 Mountain Shadow View, Colorado Springs, CO 80908, as further described in such petition, and to set a public hearing on October 23, 2024, at 6:30 pm.** Gunderman made the motion to accept the petition for inclusion of the real property located at 5775 Mountain Shadow View, Colorado Springs, CO 80908, with a second from Estes. Motion passed 6-0.
- iii. Review and approve “Assignment and Assumption Agreement, Vehicle Storage Agreement.”  
**MOTION: To approve the Assignment and Assumption Agreement, Vehicle Storage Agreement.** Garrett made the motion to approve the Assignment and Assumption Agreement with a second from Estes. Motion passed 6-0.

- X. **Chief’s Report.** DV Bradley summarized the chief’s report. There were seven fire incidents. One detached garage fire. There were 241 EMS incidents, 1169 training hours, and 40 fire inspections completed. The Fire Chief continues to provide monthly leadership lessons to staff. August was a busy month for the crews attending multiple community picnic events. In EMS, the district was recognized as a Department of Defense “Stop the Bleed” education site. The hiring process closed with 152 applicants,

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the most significant number yet. The Chief noted that the number of applicants increased due to “Red Energy,” our social media company. DV Bradley presented a plan to the Town of Monument on a community wildfire grant. The grant would provide mitigation around Monument Lake, and a forester would head the project. Firefighter Paramedic AJ Armstrong and Firefighter Paramedic Hunter Ortuno received a “Medical Director of Excellence” Coin tonight for a trauma call.

### XI. Future Agenda Items

- i. Public Hearing for Request for exclusion from the District – Rick Bloom, property owner.

RE: Parcel 5100000420

17815 Thompson Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80908

The District continues to wait on court documents filed by Black Forest Fire to prove inclusion in their District.

- ii. Public Hearing for inclusion of real property located at 5775 Mountain Shadow View, Colorado Springs, CO 80908.
- iii. Approval of the Resolution for inclusion.
- iv. Second 2025 Proposed Budget Presentation.
- v. Approval of the property contract on Mitchell Avenue.

### XII. Adjourn

**MOTION: to adjourn.** Estes made the motion to adjourn with a second from Gunderman. Motion passed 6-0, 7:58 pm.