

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 26, 2011**

President Guion called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Other Board members present were Robert Woods, John Young, Mark Kittle and Ed Van Walraven. Others present were Chief Scott Thompson, Chief Ron Leach, Volunteer President Bill McEnteer, Attorney Greg Hall and Secretary Jennifer Lemke.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April 28, 2011 meeting were presented. Director Van Walraven moved, Director Young seconded to approve the minutes as presented 5-0.

**Public in Attendance:** There was no public in attendance.

**Carbondale Fire Consolidation:** Chief Ron Leach was in attendance at the meeting. Chief Leach expressed that the Carbondale Board was not in favor of pursuing the work with the consultant at this time. Chief Leach was quick to add that it was only due to the economic climate and the possible need for an election in November that this project was on hold. The Carbondale Board is very enthusiastic about pursuing this consolidation further, but need to focus on in-house areas at this time. Chief Leach stated that once the election decision was made, he would have a better idea when Carbondale would be ready to jump back into the process. The Board thanked Chief Leach for coming and encouraged him to keep the lines of communication open.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Thompson noted that the adoption of the Fire Code was very close at hand and that he did not anticipate any problems with its adoption.

Chief Thompson gave the Board an overview of the EMS Director job search. Interviews had been conducted and a candidate from Flagstaff was in the front running. Chief Thompson noted he was in the process of negotiating a salary for the candidate and had offered him use of Station 44 as interim housing. Chief Thompson stated he is hoping to secure the position before leaving for vacation next week.

Chief Thompson noted that scheduling changes are being put in place to better utilize our existing staff. Deputy Chief Peetz will be working Saturday – Tuesday. Administrative Assistant Bishop will be working 4 days on and 4 days off and will work as a backup ambulance/truck operator along with her current duties.

Chief Thompson recognized the volunteers for an excellent job on the most recent Lower River Road fire.

**Financial Report:** Jennifer presented the Board with the most recent abstracts for taxes from Pitkin and Eagle County. Eagle County reflected a 32% decrease while Pitkin only demonstrated a 22% decrease. Director Guion noted that he was very skeptical of Pitkin County's numbers based on his research of property tax valuations on a number of

residences in the District. Discussion. Jennifer further noted that if these preliminary numbers were true, the District was in good fiscal shape going into the 2012 budget season. The Board accepted the numbers but qualified that these were preliminary numbers and the District must continue to monitor the situation.

Jennifer asked Bill McEnteer to present the Health/Wellness Volunteer benefit to the Board. Bill presented the board with a form and list of allowed reimbursable items. (Exhibit A). The Board suggested that pool/ski passes and bicycles be allowed as reimbursable items. Discussion. The Board approved the Health/Wellness Grant for 2011 for \$25,000 based on Exhibit A with the suggested changes of including ski/pool pass and bicycle. Motion carried 5-0.

Jennifer presented a modified pet policy for the renters at Station 41. The main change is the \$100 pet fee would have a cap of whatever the replacement of the carpet in each unit was. (Exhibit B) Discussion. Director Kittle moved, Director Woods seconded to approve the amended pet policy (Exhibit B) as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Attorney's Report:** N/A.

**Committee's:**

Community Affairs: N/A  
Audit/Finance: N/A  
Code Adoption: N/A  
Capital/Planning: N/A  
Government Affairs: N/A

**Board Member Comments:** Director Young noted that the CPR save in the paper was great and that it gives credit to our group.

Director Young further noted that Station 41 landscaping was looking great and the building was a great asset to the community.

Director Young gave credit to Jennifer and the rest of the Staff and Board for the positive fiscal standing the District's budget reflected.

Director Young asked for a survey on the natural gas usage at Station 41 and a report on the savings.

**Staff Comments:** N/A

**Training Opportunities:** N/A

Director Kittle moved, Director Guion seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.