

CHAFFEE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: Tuesday April 4, 2023
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: 499 Antero Circle, Buena Vista, CO 81211

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m. by Vice-President Navarrette.

- **Attendance**

<u>Board of Directors:</u>	<u>Office:</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
Seat 1 - Kurt Miller	Director	5/2025
Seat 2 - Thomas Navarrette	Vice-President	5/2025
Seat 3 - Stuart Langrehr	Director	5/2025
Seat 4 - Mary Brown	President/Chairperson	5/2025 - Zoom
Seat 5 - Vacant	Treasurer	5/2025

<u>Staff:</u>	
Robert Bertram	Fire Chief
Isabelle J. Glidden	Administrative Assistant and Secretary to the Board
Dino Ross	Legal Counsel - Zoom

- **Additions/Deletions and approval of Agenda**

Director Langrehr requested that the agenda be amended to add a discussion regarding what actions the Board might take in light of the potential resignation of Fire Chief Bertram, who is considering going to an out of state fire department. Director Miller seconded the Motion. Board discussion followed. President Brown and Vice-President Navarrette voted against adding this topic to the agenda. Directors Miller and Langrehr voted in favor of adding the topic to the agenda. The Motion failed for lack of a majority.

- **Review and approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 regular Board meeting.**

Following review, Vice-President Navarrette moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 regular Board meeting as presented. Director Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

- Gregg W. Grant was present.
- Kira Jones addressed the Board regarding her belief that the Board members are spending too much time bickering among themselves rather than appropriately governing the District. Board discussed the matter with her.
- Cheston Hart was present.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT

- **Review and discuss Attorneys' Report**
Dino Ross presented the attorneys' report.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Consider the appointment of Gregg Grant to the Chaffee County Fire Protection District Board of Directors.**

Vice-President Navarrette moved to appoint Gregg Grant to the Chaffee County Fire Protection Board of Directors. Director Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kira Jones will administer the Oath of Office to Gregg Grant in the next couple days and file the Oath with the appropriate agencies. She will also provide him with the Notice of Appointment that is required by State law.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **Review draft March financial reports and approve bill payments made since the last board meeting.**
Chief Bertram presented the draft March financial reports.

Director Langrehr moved to approve the March financials and bills paid since the last Board meeting. Director Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief Bertram presented the following Staff reports:

○ Fire Chief	Robert Bertram
○ Training Captain	Brian Welch
○ Maintenance	Carver Engstrom
○ Retention & Recruitment	Steven Jones
○ Wildland Mitigation Coordinator	Jeff Zechman
○ Administration Assistant	Isabelle Glidden
○ Inspections	Kira Jones
○ Volunteers	Steven Jones

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 4 Remodel**

Chief Bertram presented a general overview of the status of the project. This matter will be discuss in the Executive Session.

- **Strategic plan**

Chief Bertram provided an update on the progress. Board discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Executive Session to receive advice of legal counsel regarding Station 4 construction issues pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).**

Vice-President moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to receive advices of legal counsel regarding the Station 4 construction issues pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). President Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Ross certified that the Executive Session will constitute an attorney-client communication and will not be recorded. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. The Board exited the Executive Session at 9:32 p.m.

- **Possible action on matter discussed in Executive Session.**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Langrehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Navarrette adjourned the meeting at 9:32p.m.

APPROVAL

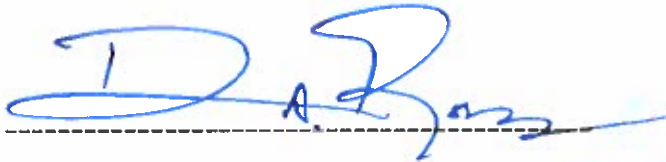
We attest that the foregoing minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.



Mary Brown, Board President

Isabelle Glidden, Administrative Assistant and Secretary to the Board

I hereby attest that the information communicated during the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted privileged attorney-client communications.



Dino Ross, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session was confined to a topic authorized for Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b).



Mary Brown, President