

South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District
Special Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

Present:	Laura Simon, Chair	Bob Baker, Fire Chief
	David Jackson, Vice Chair	Mike Dell'Orfano, Assistant Chief
	Rich Sokol, Treasurer	Jon Adams, Assistant Chief
	Ronda Scholting, Secretary	Kevin Milan, Assistant Chief
	Hank Eng (via phone)	Jerry Rhodes, Assistant Chief
	Danny Gaddy	Vince Turner, Assistant Chief
	William Shriver	Dillon Miskimins, Chief Financial Officer
		Isela Nejbauer, Chief Human Resources Officer
		Kristin Eckmann, Chief Communications Officer
		Troy Jackson, Assistant to the Fire Chief (absent)
		Bob Cole, Legal Counsel

Others Present: SMFR Personnel, Guests

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Simon called the special meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the South Metro Fire Rescue District Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was cited at the Cunningham Fire Protection District Special Board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Hank Eng participated via phone. All other Board Members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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A motion was made by Ronda Scholting and seconded by William Shriver to approve the consent agenda as presented. Rich Sokol abstained. The remaining Board members were in favor and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Officers – Chair Simon stated that a number of things have come to her attention as to which officers are playing which roles and opened the discussion about conducting an election of officers.

A motion as made by Ronda Scholting and seconded by Danny Gaddy to conduct an election of officers. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chair: Ronda Scholting and Laura Simon were nominated. Vote: Ronda Scholting was elected Chair.

Vice Chair: William Shriver was nominated. William Shriver was elected as Vice Chair by acclamation.

Treasurer: Rich Sokol was nominated. Rich Sokol was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Secretary: Danny Gaddy was nominated. Danny Gaddy was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Ronda Scholting assumed the position of Chair.

SMFRFPD 2020 Director Districts – This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION (UPON MOTION)

There was no motion to convene to Executive Session.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors' Meeting is to be held on October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2020 Election Preparation – Chief Dell'Orfano informed that the purchase of this agenda items is to start the discussion on the 2020 board member election and what type of election the board desires (i.e., polling place versus mail-in ballot). Chief Dell'Orfano added that more detailed cost estimates have been received by staff and it is estimated that a polling place election will be approximately \$100,000 and a mail-ballot election will be approximately \$400-\$500,000. It is difficult to estimate voter turnout for either method, although voter turnout may be higher than normal due to the number of new communities that can run for a board seat and vote on board members for the first time in this new, unified fire district and feedback from the Board will be helpful for budget preparation both in the short and long-term.

Dell'Orfano provided some historical voter turnout and that although usually small numbers, likely the 2020 election will be a better turnout because of the new director districts and newly-included voters.

After discussion, staff was given direction to pursue a mail-ballot election. It was also agreed that there is a need to create a campaign to educate the public regarding the May election through a mail ballot, in the interest of allowing everyone a chance to vote, and to determine a strategy to obtain approval for November elections in the future.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

SMFRFPD 2020 Director Districts - Chief Dell'Orfano reminded that the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District will be considering the approval of new director district boundaries tonight in preparation for full unification of SMFR, CFPD and LFR and in preparation for the May, 2020 board election. During this discussion, all board meetings will remain in session so that the Authority and CFPD board members can also participate in the discussion and provide feedback. Staff has prepared an overview that will provide the background, procedures, and justification of the proposed boundaries and CFPD board members will also provide a formal recommendation, as discussed at their August 26th board meeting.

The Special Board Meeting was suspended at 7:02 p.m. in order to join the SMFRFPD 2020 Districts discussion at the Authority Meeting.

The Special Board Meeting reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Rich Sokol and seconded by David Jackson to delay the decision on director districts. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Laura Simon and seconded by Danny Gaddy to approve the Staff's recommendation of Director District Version A. With a vote of four in favor and three opposed, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Danny Gaddy and seconded by Laura Simon to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Attested by:



Date:

10/7/19