

South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District
Special Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020

Participants:	Jim Albee, Chair	Bob Baker, Fire Chief
	Renee Anderson, Vice Chair	Mike Dell'Orfano, Assistant Chief
	William Shriver, Treasurer	Jon Adams, Assistant Chief (absent)
	Hank Eng, Secretary	Kevin Milan, Assistant Chief
	Sue Roche	Jerry Rhodes, Assistant Chief
	Cindy Hathaway	Vince Turner, Assistant Chief
		Dillon Miskimins, Chief Financial Officer
		Isele Nejbauer, Chief Human Resources Officer
		Kristin Eckmann, Chief Communications Officer
		Bob Cole, Legal Counsel

Others Participating: Citizens and SMFR Employees

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albee called the special meeting of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District to order at 6:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the South Metro Fire Rescue District Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Albee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

All of the Board Members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

N/A

ACTION ITEMS

Director Appointment & Oath of Office – Chair Albee acknowledged and thanked former District 6 Director Laura Simon for her years of hard work and dedication to the District and recommended Alison Rausch be appointed to fill the vacancy.

A motion was made by Renee Anderson and seconded by Hank Eng recommending Alison Rausch to be considered for appointment to fill the District 6 seat on the SMFR District Board. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Assistant to the Fire Chief Barb Andrews administered the Oath of Office for South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Director Alison Rausch.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Wellness Presentation – Chief Baker introduced Wellness Director Trae Tashiro and Wellness Manager Chris Macklin, who have created a Wellness Program that is recognized nationally, particularly with an annual fitness test that includes accountability ties to punitive actions and remediation plans.

Wellness Director Tashiro provided a brief history of the program where the program is today, including information on the facility, staff, why this program is different from others in regard to injury rehab, annual physicals, strength and conditioning, and worker's comp savings. Wellness Manager Macklin outlined the membership and responsibility of the

Peer Support Team, including internal groups who have been educated on safe resources to ask for help, community participation in emergency responder resiliency, alternative treatment modalities, and the future of the team.

Financial Overview – CFO Miskimins & Controller Aragon presented a Revenue Overview highlighting the timelines for revenue, personnel, capital projects, August 17th financial plan, 2021 budget review & presented the Residential Assessment Rate highlighting the 2020 impact on SMFR compared to 2017 and possible solutions.

CFO Miskimins introduced Douglas County Assessor Lisa Frizell, who provided a brief overview of the assessor’s office and the role of the assessor; how and when taxes are collected, the rules and trends of assessed valuation, the Gallagher Amendment & TABOR and how they affect residential and non-residential property taxes, and reminded of the information and tools available on the Assessor’s website.

Ambulance Transport Fees – CFO Miskimins noted that the district charges \$800 per transport to recover the costs associated to transporting patients to hospitals. The fee has not been adjusted since 2008. The District engaged TischlerBise to complete an Ambulance Fee study to help the District determine an amount to adjust the fee.

CFO Miskimins introduced Colin McAweeney, Fiscal/Economic Analyst for TischlerBise, who provided an overview of the Ambulance Transport Fee methodology, maximum supportable fee results and Staff’s Recommendation to set the base rate at \$1,380, three times the Medicare rate.

After discussion, the Board expressed appreciation for the thorough presentation, recommending Staff vet some of the data used in the calculations further.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SDA Virtual Workshops – Chief Dell’Orfano stated that the board members should have received an email earlier today with free links to three upcoming workshops that might of interest.

Chair Albee recognized and congratulated Director Roche on her recent fire academy graduation.

At Director Anderson’s request, Chief Dell’Orfano informed that although fireworks are planned to be shot from the school near the location of the recent fire in Highlands Ranch, plans are to have the fireworks display either in the parking lot or other irrigated sport fields.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (UPON MOTION)

N/A

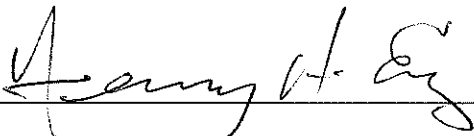
NEXT MEETING

The next Special South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors’ Meeting is to be held on June 17, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

The following Special South Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors’ Meeting is to be held on June 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hank Eng and seconded by Sue Roche to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Attested by:  Date: 6 July 2020