**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE**
**COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
**NOVEMBER 11, 2025**
**STATION 41**
**1850 Railroad Ave., Rifle, CO 81650**

Chairperson Lambert called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board Members Present:**
Addy Bristol, Vice President
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Dick Miller, Secretary
Alan Lambert, President

**Board Member Absent:**
Paige Haderlie, Director (excused)

**Others Present:**
Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Dino Ross Legal Counsel (Via Conference Call)
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Operations Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
Eric Davis, Facilities Manager (Via Conference Call)
Kortnie Valencia, Administrative Support Assistant
James Noah, Firefighter/EMT
Chelsey Johnson, Firefighter/Medic
Matt Mikowski, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)
Joseph Billings, Firefighter/Medic (Via Conference Call)
Jonathan Perry, Firefighter/AEMT (Via Conference Call)
Doug Richards, Firefighter/EMT (Via Conference Call)
Adam Werner, Firefighter/EMT (Via Conference Call)

Vice President Bristol moved to excuse Director Haderlie from the meeting. Treasurer Milton-Baker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Fire Chief Sackett asked to add action item b.) under New Business: Consider the Burning Mountain Fire Protection District Pension Plan Board of Trustee's recommendation to

adopt Plan B of the July 2025 pension plan actual valuation report by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS). The Board accepted the requested amendment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Treasurer Milton-Baker moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Vice President Bristol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:**

Attorney Ross reviewed the legal services his firm provided during the preceding 30 days.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:**

Fire Chief Sackett reported a busy month, including the Garfield County FMLD Mini Grant resolution and agreement and an update on the Station 61 renovation project. He noted the design committee reviewed the architect's design for Station 61, which design is 50% completed. The full design is expected to be completed by December 18, 2025. He also provided highlights from the 2025 Colorado State Fire Chiefs' conference.

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **Operations Chief: Review and Consider Execution of FMLD Mini-Grant for Chest Compression Devices – Resolution No. CRFPD-2025-11-01**

EMS/Operations Division Chief Van Slyke provided a brief summary of the Lucas compression devices and their cost without grant funding. asked the Board approve submitting an application for the FMLD Mini-Grant for the chest compression devices.

Secretary Miller moved to approve and ratify Resolution No. CRFPD-2025-11-01. Vice President Bristol seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. **Recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the 7247-5 Burning Mountain Fire Protection District Pension Fund to adopt Plan B Retirement Benefits.**

Vice President Bristol made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Trustee of the Burning Mountain Fire Protection District Pension Fund to approve the retirement benefits increase set forth in Plan B of the July 2025 actuarial valuation report by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS). A copy of the Plan B retirement benefits is attached to the minutes of the Pension Board's November 11, 2025, meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:**

**a. Fire Chief/Facilities: Review of Station 61 Renovation Progress Report**

Fire Chief Sackett provided an update on the Station 61 renovation in Silt, reviewing the 50% design development presentation. He noted the station design committee traveled to Denver where Oz Architecture presented an Igloo design concept and discussed overall project goals.

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**WILDLAND/SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATES:**

Wildland & Support Services Division Chief Pigati was absent, but Fire Chief Sackett reported that the department was awarded $10,000 for radios from the Western Colorado Community Foundation. Both new tenders are now in service, and building maintenance has been busy winterizing the stations.

**EMS/OPERATIONS UPDATES:**

EMS/Operations Division Chief Van Slyke congratulated Matt Mikowski on his promotion to Lieutenant. He acknowledged the crews for consistently exceeding expectations in serving the community. He also extended congratulations to Firefighter/EMT Marco Mandujano and Firefighter AEMT Jonathan Perry for completing their Driver Operator certifications.

**PREVENTION UPDATES:**

Prevention Division Chief Moon reported that he has received preliminary plans for multiple subdivisions. He also noted that the Rifle Apartments project is now complete. In addition, the City of Rifle Building Department and the District partnered on a press release regarding the use of ionization smoke detectors in family homes.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DATA UPDATES:**

IT Director Gredig reported that he is continuing to work with Tyler Technologies and ImageTrend to determine the implementation schedule for the new National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), which will replace the National Fire Information Reporting System (NFIRS). He also noted that work has begun on reporting changes required for next year.

**ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE UPDATES:**

Administrative Director Tillman reported that she has been working on the 2026 budget and related spreadsheets. She also applied for the Firefighter Cardiac and Cancer Benefit Grant through DOLA.

**DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS:**

Fire Chief Sackett acknowledged Firefighter/EMT Robert Cooney for demonstrating great compassion on a difficult call, and all of the crew for their outstanding performance, professionalism, and leadership. Fire Chief Sackett read couple thank you letters from community members.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Secretary Miller offered a short update on his health and mentioned that he intends to continue serving on the District Board.

Vice President Bristol thanked staff for translating the 2026 budget information and noted her appreciation for the progress of the Station 61 remodel.

Treasurer Milton Baker expressed appreciation for Chief Staff keeping the Board updated on the progress at Station 61 and all related matters. She noted how passionate and professional everyone is.

President Lambert conveyed his appreciation for Secretary Miller's continued presence at the meetings and thanked him for sharing his comments and experience. He also stated that he is grateful to be part of such a great organization.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business coming before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**APPROVAL:**

The foregoing Minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 12/9/2025 _____

Date: 9 Dec 25 _____