

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 BUDGET
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
STATION 41, 1850 RAILROAD AVENUE, RIFLE, CO 81650**

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget was called to order by Chairperson Lambert at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Alan Lambert, President
Addy Bristol, Vice President (Via Conference Call)
Dick Miller, Secretary
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via Conference Call)

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Zach Pigati, Operations/Wildland Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:

- 1. Open Public Hearing - 2024 Budget**
 - a. Continued Review of Proposed 2024 Budget**

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed the District's updated 2024 Budget Scenarios, including the Lean, Moderate, and Aggressive approaches. The Lean scenario includes a 5% premium increase in workers' compensation and medical benefits. The Moderate scenario includes a \$20,000 budget for Honor Guard training and expenses, a \$15,000 budget for an Assessment Center for lieutenants and battalion chiefs, and a 5% COLA (Cost-Of-Living Adjustment). The Moderate scenario also includes the hiring of a Training Captain and three additional personnel that were not hired this year. The Aggressive scenario includes the addition of \$792,000 into the Burning Mountain Fire Protection District (BMFPD) Pension Fund as well as funds for buildings.

Further Board discussion ensued.

The Board provided direction for Chief Staff to focus, and provide additional information, on the Moderate scenario at the December 2023 continued public hearing on the 2024 Budget.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Move to Continue Public Hearing – 2024 Budget to December 12, 2023

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget was continued to the December 12, 2023, Public Hearing and Board meeting by Chairperson Lambert at 6:44 p.m.