

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 12, 2024  
STATION 41, 1850 RAILROAD AVE RIFLE, CO 81650**

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lambert at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board Members Present:**

Alan Lambert, President  
Addy Bristol, Vice President  
Dick Miller, Secretary  
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer

**Board Members Absent:**

Paige Haderlie, Director (excused)

**Others Present:**

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief  
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Training Division Chief  
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief  
John Gredig, IT Director  
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director  
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel for the District (Via audio/video platform) Bill Smith,  
Lieutenant  
Kevin Alvey, Battalion Chief

Motion made by Secretary Miller and seconded by Vice President Bristol to excuse Director Paige Haderlie from the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vice President Bristol made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Treasurer Milton Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:**

Attorney Ross provided an update on a few of the legislative bills set forth in his firm's 2024 Legislative Tracker. Board discussion ensued.

## **FIRE CHIEF REPORT:**

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed his report with the Board. Chief Staff has been focused on submitting grant applications. The team is committed to prioritizing the health and safety of its members. There will be a meeting in Silt on March 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for replacing station 61. Fire Chief Sackett expressed the hope that a couple Board members could participate. There is a fire station design conference in Arizona from May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. that he would also like to be accompanied by a couple of Board members.

Fire Chief Sackett provided an overview of his and a few District members' attendance at the Center for Public Safety Excellence Conference in Florida. The conference provided valuable insights and new information for them.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Fire Chief/Administration: Review and Consider Approval of Resolution to Disaffiliate from PERA (Resolution No. CRFPD-2024-03-01).**

Chief Sackett provided a brief overview of the purpose for the Resolution to Disaffiliate from PERA and asked the Board to approve the Resolution. President Lambert made a motion to approve Resolution No. CRFPD-2024-03-01. Secretary Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. CRFPD-2024-03-01. Vice President Bristol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. Fire Chief/Administration: Review 2024 Strategic Planning Process**

Fire Chief Sackett stated that the Strategic Planning Process has concluded.

## **OPERATIONS/WILDLAND UPDATES:**

Operations/Wildland Division Chief Pigati and Battalion Chief Nix are currently attending the Public Leadership Development Conference.

### **EMS/TRAINING UPDATES:**

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke stated that Captain Carroll has been actively preparing for the training academy that commences April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Secretary Miller inquired about the training schedule. Chief Van Slyke clarified that it consists of ten-hour days from Tuesday to Friday, spanning twelve weeks. Vice President Bristol inquired about the possibility of opening the academy to other departments. Chief Van Slyke responded that eventually, that would be the goal. Chief Van Slyke extended an invitation to the Board for the academy graduation on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **PREVENTION/FLEET/FACILITIES UPDATES:**

Prevention Division Chief Moon talked about the continued planning of the new Park Avenue route and the extension of the New Life Church. Secretary Miller inquired where the route was for the Park Avenue extension. Prevention Division Chief Moon provided that information.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DATA UPDATES:**

IT Director Gredig stated that call volume was down for the month of February. Director Gredig continues to work on the Lexipol policies.

### **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE UPDATES:**

Administrative Director Tillman stated that she has been working on the Colorado EMS supplemental payment cost report.

### **DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS:**

Fire Chief Sackett recognized Firefighter/Paramedic Chelsey for his quick and excellent work on the uniform alteration for the department photos, as well as his leadership in the quartermaster position.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Secretary Miller stated that he appreciates that the staff always provides excellent answers.

Vice President Bristol thanked the team for all the hard work.

Treasurer Milton-Baker stated that CRFR's team is remarkable; they go above and beyond. She appreciates the dedication and commitment.

President Lambert called for a five-minute break.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

~~Treasurer Milton-Baker~~  
~~President Lambert~~ made a motion to go into executive session to receive advice of legal counsel on a personnel matter pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), ~~Treasurer Milton Baker~~ seconded. The motion passed unanimously. ~~Secretary Miller~~

Attorney Ross certified for the record that the executive session will constitute a confidential attorney-client communication and will not be recorded.

The Board went into executive session at 7:37 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 8:17 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: 4/9/24

Richard F. Miller

Date: 4/9/2024

Sh. M. Lambert