

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 11, 2025
STATION 64 775 Castle Valley Blvd., New Castle, CO 81647**

Chairperson Bristol called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Dick Miller, Secretary
Addy Bristol, Vice President/Acting Chairperson
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Paige Haderlie, Director

Board Member Absent:

Alan Lambert, President

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Zach Pigati, Operations/Wildland Division Chief
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Training Division Chief
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief (Via Conference Call)
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel for the District (Via Conference Call)
Kortnie Valencia, Administrative Support Assistant
Kevin Carlson, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)
Eric Davis, Facilities Manager (Via Conference Call)
Emily Boseman, Firefighter/EMT
Jonathan Baker, Lieutenant/EMT
Bill Smith, Lieutenant

A motion was made by Director Haderlie and seconded by Secretary Miller to excuse President Lambert from the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Resolution CRFPD 2025-02-03 supporting a joint FMLD mini grant for Lucas Compression Device Project was added as item D to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Secretary Miller made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the addition of item D. Director Haderlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:

Attorney Dino Ross advised Chief Sackett on legal aspects of establishing impact fees within the District. Other than that, it was a quiet month for legal counsel. The Board had no questions.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Sackett stated that he will be presenting several new business items for consideration in this meeting. Additionally, updates will be provided on the Station 61 renovation and the impact fee study. Chief Sackett emphasized the importance of the department's mission and core values.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

a. Fire Chief/Administration: Consider Pension Advisory Board recommendations on optional actuarial benefit amounts to be included in 2025 Actuarial Valuation

Following discussion, Secretary Miller moved to approve the Pension Board's recommended 3%, 5%, and 7% increase in monthly pension benefits to be included the actuarial report for Burning Mountain Fire Protection District (BMFPD) pension fund 7247-5. The motion was Director Haderlie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion, Secretary Miller moved to approve the Pension Board's recommended 3%, 5%, and 7% increase in monthly pension benefits to be included in the actuarial report for Rifle Fire Protection District (RFPD) pension fund 7306-5. Director Haderlie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Fire Chief/Prevention/Administration: Review and Consider Resolution No. CRFPD-2025-02-01 supporting FMLD Grant for Station 41 Asphalt Replacement

Division Chief Moon reviewed the three contractor bids he received, which he carefully comparing to determine the best option. He also provided clarification on the funding breakdown, with 30% coming from local funds and 70% from the FMLD grant. Secretary Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. CRFPD-2025-02-01 supporting FMLD grant for station 41 asphalt. Director Haderlie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Fire Chief/IT: Review and Consider Resolution No. CRFPD-2025-02-02 supporting a Joint FMLD Grant for Station Paging

Chief Sackett and IT Director Gredig explained the joint grant, which includes Glenwood Springs Fire Department and Grand Valley Fire Protection District, is for the Garfield County Fire Agency Regional Station Paging Project, with a total grant request of \$700,000. Director Haderlie made a motion to consider Resolution No. CRFPD-2025-02-02, which was seconded by Treasurer Milton. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Fire Chief/EMS: Review and Consider Resolution No. 2025-02-03 supporting a joint FMLD mini grant for Lucas Compression

Division Chief Van Slyke outlined the need to replace the department's mechanical CPR devices, which are outdated and no longer supported by the manufacturer. The total replacement cost is \$92,000, with funding available from 50/50 matching grant. The department plans to replace two devices this cycle and two more in the next cycle, with an out-of-pocket cost of \$32,000. A motion was made by Secretary Miller to approve Resolution NO 2025-02-03 supporting a joint FMLD mini grant for Lucas Compression. Director Haderlie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

a. Fire Chief/Facilities: Review of Station 61 Rebuild Project Timeline and Update

Fire Chief Sackett provided an update on the Station 61 rebuild project, including the proposed layout and timeline. The design plans include adding space to the east where the current parking lot is, converting the existing building into office space and living quarters. Next steps involve refining the design, determining costs, and incorporating feedback on additional features, such as rooftop space and solar panels. The team will present an updated plan and budget at the next Board meeting for further discussion and approval.

b. Fire Chief/IT: Review draft of BBC Nexus Study results

Fire Chief Sackett and IT Director Gredig presented the results of the nexus study, addressing several Board member questions and concerns that had been raised at the last Board meeting. They reviewed the per-square-foot comparison and discussed the impact of varying home sizes on fees. They also highlighted new tax burdens on manufactured homes. The consensus of the Board was for Chief Sackett and IT Director Gredig to revisit the original study to incorporate these insights and better reflect the current data.

OPERATIONS/WILDLAND UPDATES:

Wildland Division Chief Pigati provided an update on ongoing projects, including working on the Firefighter Safety Disease Prevention Grant for cancer testing and sourcing PFAS-free training gear for members. He also thanked Lieutenant Baker for his work on the

apparatus check and procedures. Additionally, Chief Pigati is collaborating with the Wildland Division to implement a chipping program for fuels risk reduction, aligning with the District's 2025 strategic plan goal.

EMS/TRAINING UPDATES:

EMS/Training Division Chief Van Slyke congratulated Hunter Miller on successfully completing the recruitment process. He also shared that the crew has been busy with ongoing training, including fire behavior training and aggressive task force exercises. Battalion Chief Merriam and the Wildland Division have been integral in helping with operations. Additionally, the department is working with Gerard and Associates on documentation and quality management processes. Another exciting initiative is collaborating with Rifle Police Department and other local agencies to support Rifle High School's mock DUI project in April, marking the return of community engagement projects with local schools.

PREVENTION/FLEET/FACILITIES UPDATES:

Prevention Division Chief Moon announced that the Habitat for Humanity project near the Rifle Super Plant, a 66,000-square-foot building with solar panels, has received permits and will begin construction soon. The department also received five applicants for the second fleet mechanic position and will begin interviews shortly.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DATA UPDATES:

IT Director Gredig reported that he has been attending sessions on the new emergency reporting system for fire emergency responses, noting there are promising developments. It will be interesting to see how it's implemented with various software manufacturers.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE UPDATES:

Administrative Director Tillman reported that she has been focused on tasks, such as preparing for the May 2025 director election and preparing the year-end financials, ensuring everything is properly closed out. Administrative Support Assistant Valencia has been making sure all EINs are entered into the system so 1099s are sent out on time, while also working diligently on the meeting minutes.

DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS:

Chief Sackett shared that Firefighter Dasha Stowe and partner Ethan Harvey welcomed their son, James, on January 15th. Captain Carroll earned a scholarship to attend the Congressional Fire Service Institute in DC. Chief Sackett thanked the Board for their time and productive discussion during the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice President Bristol stated there will be ups and downs. We're aware of the challenges and progress takes time. As long as we stay focused and work hard, we'll get there. Putting the community first is essential, but we also need to take care of ourselves to be effective. Thanks for staying with us through the long meeting.

Treasurer Milton Baker expressed deep appreciation for the commitment and dedication of the team.

Secretary Miller expressed gratitude to everyone for their patience and the education he and other Board members have received over the past couple of years, acknowledging how much they've learned about EMT and wildland services.

Director Haderlie suggested creating a system to track grants and resolutions, making it easier for the Board to stay updated on their progress. She requested a simple update at meetings that would provide a visual reminder of where each grant stands in the process. This would help ensure the Board is aware of ongoing projects and their completion status.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business coming before the Board, Chairperson Bristol adjourned the meeting at 8:34 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: 11 March 25

Bristol

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Haderlie