

Durango Fire Protection District

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**Regular District Board Meeting
January 16, 2012
DFRA Station 1
142 Sheppard Drive
4:10 pm**

ATTENDANCE

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Barrett | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Bryson-Sec'y/Trea | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Meiers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bud Deering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Leeder | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Simonson—Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emil Wanatka-Vice Chair | |

STAFF

Dan Noonan

GUESTS

Chair Ann Simonson tendered her letter of resignation as Board Member of the Durango Fire Protection District. All present thanked Ann for her past dedication and passion that she had shown to the members of DFRA and community. All wished her well in her future endeavors.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was transferred to the leadership of Vice Chair Emil Wanatka who called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm; and formally thanked Ann for her commitment and service to the District and our community.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

- Open Board Seat (Actions)
- Durango Fire Rescue Authority Representation (Chief's Report)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 19, 2011

Phil Bryson made a motion to approve the October 19, 2011 minutes as presented. Matt Leeder seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

REPORTS

- Report of the Chief.
 - Finance Director Eric Baker submitted Durango Fire Rescue Authority's 2010 Audit to the Government Finance Officers Association resulting in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Congratulations Eric.
 - New representatives from the Animas Board were appointed to the Durango Fire Rescue Authority (DFRA) Board. Bud Deering and Tony Whittle will replace Jim Barrett and Greg Drover, and begin their tenures at the next DFRA Board meeting on January 24th. The two new representatives will also serve on the DFRA Pension Board.
 - Due to challenges within the decreasing DFRA budget, the organization has lost three positions. Concurrently, there have been two resignations and three retirements, and a full-time member out on leave due to a fractured hip.

OLD BUSINESS

- November 1, 2011 District Election. Although the District Board is not funded and has no fiscal responsibility to the organization, it is up to the District to consider maintaining as a legal entity.
 - Chief Noonan will defer to Attorney Bud Smith and the Board referencing how the District will be affected if Animas withdraws from DFRA.

NEW BUSINESS

- Animas Board's Letter of Intent to Secede During the November 3, 2011 DFRA Board meeting, the Board of Directors requested their counsel to write a letter to the Animas Board in regarding their future intent. The Animas Board responded by submitting a letter of intent to withdraw from DFRA by the end of 2012. At this point, the Animas Board has not discussed future plans to service its constituents if the withdrawal were to occur.
- Proposed Mediation for Animas, City, Hermosa Cliff. The Authority Board requested that Animas, Hermosa and the City go to mediation, with DFRA as a resource, to find what issues exist between the agencies. This is a mediation not arbitration; there are no mandates.
- Upcoming 2012 District Board Election.
 - Discussion on what Board positions would be open in May 2012 election. Chief Noonan understands that it should be four 4-year terms (to include the seat vacated by Ann Simonson) and one 2-year term.
 - Term limits are based on two (full) 4-year terms.
 - Per the Board's request, the District's attorney Bud Smith will write a letter to the Board members stipulating what seats will be open and for what term each seat will be valid.

PUBLIC HEARING

ACTIONS

- Vice Chair Wanatka opened a public hearing on the issue of a Resolution concerning the 2012 Election for Board of Directors of the Durango Fire Protection District. The Durango Fire Protection District Board of Directors intends to go to an election for five (5) Board of Directors positions (four 4-year terms and one 2-year term) subject to clarification from the District's attorney, Bud Smith. The Board also appoints CJ Weaver to serve as the Designated Election Official.

Jim Barrett made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-2 concerning the 2012 May 8th Board of Directors Election. Matt Leeder seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Vice Chair Wanatka asked for a motion to approve publishing a Public Notice in the Durango Herald requesting applications to fill the seat vacancy on the Board. The Board will then accept applications from District constituents who are registered voters, then interview the candidates and select a person to serve out the term until the May 8, 2012 election.

Bud Deering made a motion for the Board to accept applications from Durango Fire Protection District constituents to fill a seat vacancy on the District Board of Directors until May 8, 2012. Phil Bryson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Vice Chair Wanatka asked for a motion on a Resolution concerning the Durango Fire Protection District establishing a time and place for regular meetings and designating places for the posting of notices of regular and special meetings.

Phil Bryson made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-1 as written, establishing a meeting time for the third Wednesday of every month at DFRA Station One, 142 Sheppard Drive, at 4:00 pm for regular and special meetings. Matt Leeder seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ann Simonson thanked the Board and wished them a successful future.

Adjourned

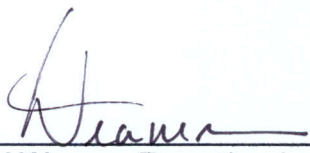


Emil Wanatka, Vice-Chair

2.15.2012

Date

Attest:



CJ Weaver, Executive Assistant