



**SOUTHERN PARK
COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors'
Special Meeting
March 31, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

Board members present:

Amy Mason - Chair
Nancy Harper

Excused Board Member:

- Flip Boettcher

By phone -

Board members: Jim Ivey and Anita Long

Legal team: Richard Toussaint, John Coaty
and Meredith McDonald,

1) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:22 PM by Chairwoman Amy Mason after a short delay getting the phone bridge connected to everyone.

2) Post termination hearing:

Richard Toussaint advised the board that Mike Simpson's attorney has requested an independent hearing officer for the upcoming hearing. Ed Schlatter, a retired judge, has agreed to sit as the magistrate on the 11th of April, at the municipal hearing court room in Fairplay. It was moved by, Amy Mason, to have the District utilize an independent hearing officer, Judge Schlatter on April 11th for the Mike Simpson hearing. It was seconded by Mr. Jim Ivey. Discussion included: following the hearing confirmation Mike Simpson would either affirm the termination or seek reinstatement. The board would also be turning over any decision making to the independent hearing officer. It was felt by all legal counselors to be in the best interest of the district to hold this hearing. John Coaty of our legal firm would be representing the District in this hearing. PBA.

3) Authorize a board member to work with legal counsel. Richard recommended the board authorizes a board member to work with counsel. Nancy Harper moved, Amy Mason, Board Chair work with our legal counsel in preparation for the upcoming hearing April 11th about Mike Simpson. Seconded by Anita Long. PBA.

4) Executive Session: Chair Amy Mason, moved to adjourn into executive session per CRS 24-6-402 at 12:38 P.M. to receive legal advice regarding the upcoming Mike Simpson hearing and to discuss personnel contractual matters regarding Aaron Mandel. It was seconded by Nancy Harper. PBA. The recorder was turned off due to the nature of the executive session with legal counsel. Anita Long left the executive session at 12:45 PM. The board returned to the regular meeting at 1:03 PM.

5) Adjourn meeting:

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Harper and seconded by Jim Ivey. PBA The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by Chairwoman Mason.