



SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors' Special Meeting

April 17th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

1) Introduction of Visitors

Bill Betz
Marshall Dunn
Bill Harper
Joan LePage
Lawrence LePage

Jim Moehle
Donna Rodriguez
Mary Reppard
Joe Rodriguez
Sandy Rucker

Gordon Scott
Roberta Smith
Dan Sullivan
Sonia Sullivan
Steve Wilson

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Amy Mason - Chair
Flip Boettcher
Nancy Harper
Jim Ivey
Anita Long
(Secretary to the Board – Mike Brandt)

Department members present

Aaron Mandel – Acting Chief
Tim Rucker
Don Rocksted

3) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 06:01 PM by Chairwoman Amy Mason.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Change item (2) - we will not be appointing anyone to the Canvas Board; rather we will determine Board member availability to represent the District. Ms. Boettcher motions to modify the agenda as noted, seconded by Jim Ivey; motion carried.

5) Appoint two board members to work with the insurance carrier in upcoming mediation:

Ms. Harper moved that the board appoint Ms. Mason and Ms. Long to represent and negotiate on the behalf of the district in the mediation hearing with Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Long; motion carried.

It was noted that the agenda has a different attorney. Ms. McDonald is a lawyer retained by SPCFPD's insurance carrier, Continental Western Insurance, to represent the District in the Simpson termination matter.

Mediation will be to determine if there is a possibility to resolve the differences between Mr. Simpson and the District. Previous hearing scheduled was vacated when the parties chose to move to mediation.

6) Determine availability of board members to represent the district on the Canvas Board for the May 6th election

The election DEO noted the election will close on May 6th, but she must wait until the 14th of May to determine if any valid ballots are received from overseas. She plans to certify the results between the 16th and the statutory deadline of the 20th. She needs to know what Board members are available to serve on the Canvas Board. As Mr. Ivey is excluded (he is a candidate) and Ms. Harper is traveling, Ms. Mason will let the DEO know that Ms. Mason, Ms. Long and Ms. Boettcher will be the pool of board members that will be offered to represent the district on the Canvas Board. 8:00

7) Review and discuss the financial status of the district

Acting Chief Mandel requested a review of the budget to determine the district status in light of added expenses and if the budget would support the department staffing plan. Ms. Long made 2 projections, one with the chief salary unreduced and the second with Mr. Mandel's suggestion to reduce the salary for his position to remain within the budgeted \$85,500 pay envelope and maintain the on-call system. To allow this, it would require the chief to drop from \$50k/yr to \$36k/yr effective in May. In May the pay would then be \$3,000/month rather than \$4,170/month. This pay change will need to be negotiated by the new board and the pay will remain at the higher level for now.

If this is accomplished, cash at the end of fiscal year 2014 would be \$120,400 rather than the \$151,900 forecast in the budget. The main cost adder is the cost for the election as well as high legal fees. Mr. Mandel concurred with the forecast and the idea of the pay change. Projection is accurate if acted upon promptly.

Also noted that the income forecast for the wildland Engine would be \$1200/day if called out. The department would net \$50/hour for the Engine (\$1200/day). It could make up a substantial amount of the projected shortfall, and the district staffing plan would keep the district tethered if the wildland team is called out. 14:25

Ms. Long noted that many departments are seeking additional funds due to changes in the tax revenues within the state.

Capital expenditures to date for 2014 are \$9k, and if frozen at current expenditure, would still have \$32,800 in the reserve fund, but this is part of the \$120k year-end cash fund.

8) Adjourn meeting:

Motion to adjourn was made by Anita Long and seconded by Jim Ivey. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. by Chairwoman Mason.