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SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2024 Aug 08 @ 6:00 P.M.

1) Introduction of Visitors

none

2) Attendees:

Board members present:
Ken Thomas
Mike Brandt
Elaine Campbell
Mike Parrish

Excused Board Member(s)
Mike Smith
Department members present
Chief Aric Stahly

3) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Board Chair Ken Thomas.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as published, second by Mr. Parrish; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2024.07.10 meeting by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.

6) Director's Chief's and Committee Reports

a. Auxiliary Report

Signs are going up for the fire sale on Labor Day.

b. Regulatory Matters

Property Tax preliminary valuation due this month, usually out by the 25th.

c. Chief's Report

S.P.C.F.P.D. Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District is to provide fire protection and emergency rescue operations within its 240 square mile district boundaries; encourage fire and human caused disaster prevention through community education; ensure the existence of a properly trained team of primarily volunteer firefighters who are able to, and motivated to, respond professionally and work safely; acquire and maintain the necessary equipment; and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire and emergency services departments, as requested.

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Incident responses	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Traffic Accidents	1	6
Medical	11	41
Wildfires	1	2
Smoke Reports	1	3
Structure Fire	0	1
Mutual Aid	0	4
Other	1	19
Total Calls	15	76

Water Usage:

Fire Station total: 1757 gallons

1. K&B: 845 gallons
2. Training and Maintenance: 1265 gallons
3. Suppression: 502 gallons
4. Road & Bridge: 187 gallons
5. Community Center: 120 gallons

Summary:

Equipment status

Rescue 9-1 delivered. Is currently at McCandless in Springs getting serviced and quote on hydraulic unit and pump throttle.

Clifford is back at Station 3; back burner until Rescue 9-1 is in service.

Squad 9-3 could use suspension repair but is serviceable for now.

Squad 9-2 has been stripped of all but a few items. Have a potential buyer or three. Selling price?

CIP Projects

Don Derby and I are going to install the cameras at Station 3. We are coordinating the time. Schedule has not allowed for this yet. No change from July as we have been focused on radios and gear for new volunteers.

No progress on Station 1 addition at this time. Jesse (SkiHigh Woodwerx) is willing to give an estimate. Will also attempt to get bids from other contractors once have plans drawn up. No changes since July.

No word on AFG grant for the radios yet. Checking several times per day. Pre-purchasing will void the grant request. No change from July.

Repeater to be installed at tower above school by EOM, or as soon as FCC approves. May need to purchase a couple solar batteries. Waiting for FCC rubber stamp.

Applied for grant for mitigation equipment. LGFD and HFD may provide personnel to run mitigation crew. No word yet. I don't have personnel to run the chipper in our district at this time. Grant awards not announced as of 8/8/2024.

CIP ideas: More concrete slab around building, additional water storage, PPE as needed, SCBAs (2-4 more), plumbing for cistern-filling, lodging for possible volunteers from out of district,

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new apparatus, electronic marquis (station 1). Meeting with treasurer and board chair in August

Personnel Status

20 Active members

7 Reserve members

6 of the new recruits are proving their dedication.

5 members attending the Fire Academy in Hartsel starting Aug 15th.

Hartsel, Lake George, and 4-Mile have all been apprised of our staffing shortage.

Brandon "Hollywood" will be promoted to Lt. at end of month, barring anything unusual between now and then. Recommend pay raise upon promotion to Captain some time around December 1st.

Events

CPR for crew on 10th.

Flume published 3 articles and letter-to-the-editor from Chief

Chief taking vacation August 21-27.

Yard sale end of month, Labor Day Weekend

13th - meeting with State ambulance licensing official.

12th Back to School- fire drills to follow.

d. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report is available at www.guffeyfire.net

No extraordinary items to report this month.

7) Old Business

Grant status – ambulance, radios, chipper, CareCar. – no funds received

Chipper status – in service at another area until November

Park County MOUs – no report (Smith)

Discuss exit light/signs/training – not needed based on Chief's evaluation.

Website changes – removing documents that are guidance documents and upgrading them. Adding warning for pre-July documents.

8) New Business

CIP planning for vehicle specs – budget and CCIP planning session in 2 weeks.

Election planning – DEO found.

Request for input from SDA in opposition to the statewide proposals, initiatives 50 & 108. Mr. Brandt moved to accept Resolution 2024-08-01, second by Mr. Thomas, motion carried. (see [attachment 1](#))

9) Public Input

10) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by Board Chair Thomas.

Attachment 1:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE *SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT*
IN OPPOSITION TO THE STATEWIDE PROPOSALS, INITIATIVES 50 & 108**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of governments in Colorado, but not the State, levy a property tax to support essential public services and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, special districts are more dependent on property tax revenue than any other type of local government, as it is often their primary or even sole source of revenue;

WHEREAS, special districts have worked with their local voters to propose and approve property taxes, or to retain and spend revenues therefrom, to support services, facilities and infrastructure needed and desired by the community and, more generally, to support public health, welfare, and safety;

WHEREAS, both Initiative 50 and Initiative 108 will nullify prior local budgeting and revenue decisions by their officials and voters, replacing local control of their community with a statewide calculation that will result in billions of dollars of locally lost revenue without any reduction in service or legal obligations;

WHEREAS, Initiatives 50 and 108 will substantially impair the ability of special districts to provide the public services and infrastructure that their constituent communities expect because resources will not keep pace with the factors that drive costs, including: general inflation, population growth, aging infrastructure, materials and labor for capital projects, or increased demands during and recovery from economic downturns;

WHEREAS, Initiative 50 fundamentally converts the local government property tax system, which can be tailored to meet local needs, into a statewide calculation that will hurt communities throughout the State, in particular, slower growing areas of the State whose revenues may be reduced to offset overall increases driven by growth in urban and resort communities;

WHEREAS, the text of Initiative 50, which amends the Colorado Constitution, is so ambiguous that experts are confounded about how it can be implemented, including its impact on current and future governmental obligations, which will lead to years of politicking and legal challenges, making property tax an unpredictable and unreliable resource for local governments;

WHEREAS, Initiative 108 states that local governments will be reimbursed from state funds for lost property tax revenue, but that statement is an empty promise because those reductions are too large for the State's budget to sustain reimbursements, and further, the General Assembly has already indicated its disinclination in its recent property tax proposals and laws to provide reimbursements for lost revenue to non-school local governments; and

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WHEREAS, Initiatives 50 and 108, individually and together, will destroy the short- and long-range planning efforts of Colorado's special districts that are necessary to absorb inflationary pressures, to employ public servants, to support existing and grow new public programs, to construct and maintain government infrastructure, and to respond to the needs and emergencies of Colorado's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is the position of the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District that special districts and their constituents are best suited to determine the revenues necessary to meet the needs, expectations, and demands of the communities they serve.
2. The Board of Directors recognizes that special districts are accountable to their local voters, who may take action if the taxes they pay are not warranted for the services, facilities, and infrastructure provided by special districts in their communities.
3. This Fire/EMS/Rescue department relies solely on Property Tax for income to pay for the Department expenses and capital improvements. Expenses are rising due to inflationary pressure on our suppliers – this is only offset by increased property tax income. Planned capital equipment acquisitions account for the majority of the budget planning each year.
4. For the reasons set forth above, the Board of Directors concludes that both Initiative 50 and Initiative 108 diminish the ability of the SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT to provide the vital EMS , Fire and Rescue services, facilities, and infrastructure that the public needs, expects, and demands; and, therefore, the Board strongly urges a NO vote on Propositions 50 and 108 at the statewide election on November 5, 2024.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of August 2024, by the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District.

/s/

Ken Thomas

Board Chair

/s/

Mike Brandt

Board

Secretary/Treasurer

/s/

Elaine Campbell

Board Member

/s/

Mike Parrish

Board Member

/s/

Mike Smith

Board Member