

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

October 13, 2023

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting was called to order at 9:17 A.M.

Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers via zoom, Chief Brian Cook, HFPD Admin. Asst. Melissa Kash.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Susan Borgardt and seconded by Beth Burtch. Voted "yes" unanimously. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes Dated September 14,23 A motion to approve the minutes of 09.14.23 by Beth Burtch and seconded by Cindy McArthur. Voted "yes" unanimously. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments: None

Board Concerns/Comments: None

Financials:

- A. Accept Financials: A motion to accept financials as presented was made by Ann Grothe and seconded by Cindy McArthur. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- B. Approve Bills: A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Susan Borgardt and seconded by Beth Burtch. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- C. Approve Fund Transfers: A motion to approve the funds transfer of \$ 45,000.00 to the General Fund, \$9,000.00 to the Debit Card, \$46,120.00 for FPPA for a total of \$100,120.00 was made by Susan Borgardt and seconded by Beth Burtch. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- D. Approve Fund Transfer: A motion to approve transfer \$1000.00 from the Community Bank account to the fund the General Account at Community Bank. made by Beth Burtch and seconded by Ann Grothe. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- A. Calls to Date 2022 was 274 and 2023 is 330.
- B. Impact fee 2022 was 34 and 2023 is 34.
- C. AFG Grant Radios are ordered looking at February Delivery

- D. We received the DFPC Direct Funding Grant for \$90,487.00 This is for 5 Complete Sets of Wildland gear. 8 new SCBA with Masks and spare bottles. 28 sets of Auto Extrication Gear. That puts at \$280,000 in Grant awards since July of 2022
- E. SAFER grant we did not receive
- F. The State Fire Chiefs Conference is next week in Keystone. I will be out of District Monday thru Friday
- G. We are doing an essay competition to see who goes with me for FDIC in April
- H. Starting October 15th we will be using Chaffee County dispatch from 10 pm to 6 pm. This is not a good thing, it will effect response times but our dispatch center is down to 3 dispatchers
- I. Had a meeting with Chief Mulligan from Platte Canyon about building our wildland program. We are going to use their rate system. Due to the Chief wanting us to succeed they are going to do our wildland billing for us for next year for no cost. Their average billing turnaround time is 1 month.
- J. We have 1 member available currently for national deployment as an EMT
- K. We have another member deploying as an engine boss trainee on a severity assignment in Colorado starting Monday.
- L. We are done getting all of our wildland certification updated in the state computer system with supporting documentation and had a crew of 4 out on the RX burn in bailey assisting with that and doing training and also doing training on a RX burn this weekend.
- M. Platte Canyon Fire donated equipment. Wildland pants shirts and helmets. Structure boots and helmets. Wildland hose and fittings.
- N. We acquired a tender with a porta tank and equipment from Platte Canyon for \$7500 this means we will have a tender at every station. It came with all equipment
- O. All firefighters now have ID cards and Accountability tags for fires. They will leave their tags with Command when getting on scene.
- P. The state is also offering a firefighter 1 state practical at our facility open to other departments on October 21, 2023 with this we have completed our live fire consent form that will be filled out by all firefighters doing live fire with us
- Q. Hazmat Operations class here in January paid for by a state grant

Old Business:

- A. Health Insurance CEBT- A motion was made by Ann Grothe to provide SBA PPO3 tier Health Insurance to include Vision, Dental and Life AD&D (employees only) to Full Time employees and their families of the Hartsel Fire District for calendar year 2024 and seconded by Beth Burtch. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur, Mike Rogers. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.
- B. Chief Contract- Reviewed current contract. Board members will review and come back with recommendations at the next meeting in November.

- C. Facility Equipment Report- continue to work through the list. All rigs are currently in service.

New Business:

- A. Budget Presentation- Board reviewed the 2024 Budget proposal.
- B. Rig Financing Report from Treasurer- Beth Burtch presented financing options for new rigs to purchase. Ann Grothe made a motion to move forward with financing with Holman Capital Corp for the purchase of 6 new apparatus for a loan amount of \$2.5 million and seconded by Susan Borgardt. Roll Call: Susan Borgardt, Beth Burtch, Ann Grothe, Cindy McArthur. All yes, no nays. Motion carried.

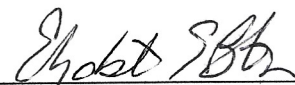
Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Grothe and seconded by Susan Borgardt . Voted "yes" unanimously, motion carried. Adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

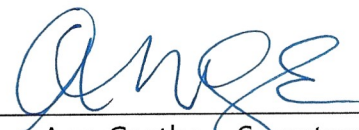
Next Board Meeting is November 10th at 9:00 A.M.

THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING,
SIGNIFIED BY BOARD MEMBERS SIGNATURES BELOW.

Signed:  Date: 12/15/23
Cindy McArthur -Board Chief

Signed :  Date: 12-15-23
Susan Borgardt- Board Vice President

Signed :  Date: 11/10/2023
Beth Burtch- Treasurer

Signed:  Date: 4/10/23
Ann Grothe -Secretary

Signed : _____ Date: _____
Mike Rogers- Board Member