

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 8th, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting. The meeting was open to the public in person and virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by John at 5:01pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Parker Lathrop, Charles Cunniffe
- Board of Directors Absent: Emily Taylor, Dave "Wabs" Walbert
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Jake Andersen, Nikki Lapin, Jan Schubert, Amanda Perusse, Scott Arthur, Jan Legersky, Ken Josselyn, Lee Malik, Ben Smith (zoom), Jake Spaulding (zoom), Station 61 (zoom)
- Public/Others: Lawrence Bond

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Motion by Charles to approve minutes from regular meeting held on July 11th, 2023.

Second: John Ward

Discussion: None

Vote: All approved.

Public Comment: None

AVFD Inc.: None

Emily Taylor arrived at 5:04pm

Financials

- Monthly Financial Review: Monthly financial reports were included in the board packet. No further discussion
- FPPA Q2 financials were included in the board packet. No further discussion

Board Comments & Action Items:

- Board Comments: No comments by the board.
- Action items: Aspen Housing Rental Rates Revisions – Letter from Chief Balentine to Board Members
 - Review and discussion of Board approved housing rental rate options as well as the letter from Chief Balentine to the Board relaying these approved rental rate options.

MOTION: Motion made by John Ward to approve, as presented in Rick's memo to the Board, the changes made to the rental structure that were discussed at last month's meeting.

Second: Emily

Discussion: None

Vote: All approved.

Staff Report:

- Fire Marshal and Prevention: Fire Marshal - Jan Legersky - monthly report is in board packet. No further discussion.
- Operations Overview: Deputy Chief Andersen, reviewed information in board packet.
 - NOTABLES: Reviewed photos in packet
 - EVENTS:
 - Second annual Mike Haman movie night was a success. “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny”
 - 4th of July was a huge success.
 - PROJECTS/COLLABORATIONS
 - Standard of Cover is due to come out the middle of August. We will use the results to revise our Strategic Plan, which is expected to be completed by the end of September.
 - WILDLAND FIRE
 - Monsoon season is upon us with several dry lightning strikes, our PANO AI has picked up quite a few of them
 - BC Spaulding is working on ways to get our folks more wildland fire experience, as single resources, as opposed to sending a whole apparatus from our district.
 - Options: Mad Creek in Steamboat, Helicopter training, Craig Hotshots
 - BC Josselyn discussed the recent Spring Creek Fire
 - Engine did well, it would be good to get it out on fires more often
 - Those who were on the fire worked through their FF1 task books and got them completed and signed off.
- Training Update: Scott Arthur reviewed the training report and photos in the board packet.
 - Shared photos of recent ropes training
 - Congratulations to Chief Andersen, who has completed the Colorado Public Manager Program through the University of Colorado, Denver, which entails over 300 hours of Management Development Training and is accredited by the National Certified Public Managers Consortium.
 - SCBA updates:
 - Sent to both Bariloche and the Ukraine and are in route. Scott Arthur will update the board once they have been delivered.
 - Recruitment
 - We have about 30 people that we will be reaching out to for our next volunteer class
 - Interviews to take place the end of September, early October
 - Possibly in conjunction with a showing of the Volunteer movie “Odd Hours, No Pay, Cool Hat”
 - Volunteer Representatives are working on a Mentor/Mentee program that will help volunteers become familiar with the stations, trucks, radio traffic etc. before they go to the academy in January.

Wildfire Community Action Fund: Ali Hammond reviewed information in board packet.

- Working on FACO grant alongside RFVWC
- Renewal of BLM grant, due Friday. Asking for \$20k to help with projects such as Red Mountain.
- Working on a 501c3 for WCAF
- Willoughby Project article in Aspen Daily News
 - Private property owners who were the catalyst for this project went through a land-use application process with the county, which the county commissioners approved. From this they donated to WCAF a gift of \$210,000 to help fund our projects for the next several years.
- Chipper Program update
 - Currently in their 4th week and are on track to meet their goal of 120 participants across 10 HOA's. Have removed 11 tons of wood debris so far!

CEO/Fire Chief and Good of the District: out of town:

John Ward and Parker Lathrop ran through items listed on the agenda.

- Theater Aspen Collaboration– 9/11 play on 9/10/2023 and 9/11/2023.
 - Adding a 3rd show – matinee
 - Fire Department will help with being ushers etc.
 - Theater Aspen asked us to provide a charity to where they can donate half of the proceeds, it was decided that the charity will be Axes & Arms.
- Mill levy – recommended that the Board schedule a work session before the next board meeting to discuss this in further detail and create a plan.
- Woody Creek Update: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

MOTION: Motion by Charles Cunniffe to adjourn at 5:53pm
Second: Parker
Discussion: None
Vote: All approved.

***** A full recording of this meeting can be requested by contacting the District Administrator at nikki.lapin@aspenfire.com or by calling 970-925-5532.**