

Berthoud Fire Protection District July 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Subject:
Board of Directors

Location:
District Office
275 Mountain Ave., Berthoud

Meeting Organizer / Contact:
Debra Graves (970) 532 – 2264

Date: 07/16/2019 **Time:** 6:00 P.M.

Agenda Items

Call to Order / Roll Call 6:00 p.m.

Vice President, Michael Cook, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. All Board Members were present apart from President Dan Hershman. Mr. Hershman was excused.

Others present were: Fire Chief Steve Charles, Finance Director Deb Graves, PIO May Soricelli, Captain Scott Lindschmidt, Captain Andrew Kuiken, Lt. Nate Aldersea and Guest Todd Ficken and Alex Knettel with FD International.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved with the addition of an update regarding the ASHER training that took place earlier during the day at Berthoud High School. Secretary Gary Maggi made the motion to approve with the addition of the training update. Director David Shipley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of the June 2019 meeting minutes.
- Approval of the June 2019 Financials

Consent Calendar was approved by a motion from Director Eric Ryplewski and seconded by Director David Shipley. Motion carried.

Board of Director Action

Motion to Approve the purchase of a new water tender: Motion was made to approve the purchase not to exceed \$375,000.00 by Secretary Gary Maggi and seconded by Director Eric Ryplewski. The motion carried.

Staff Communication

Stephen Charles, Fire Chief

F & D International, LLC / Training Room & BACC Remodel: Chief Charles informed the Board a contract has been drafted and reviewed by the District's attorney. Currently are waiting for DS Constructors to respond.

Staffing Needs Assessment: Fire Chief Steve Charles informed the Board that he and Operations Chief Rob Stumpf, reviewed the data provided by the staffing study and have concluded the data is skewed due to the closest unit response system utilized between BFPD and Loveland Fire. ESI did recommend and support the needs for a training officer. It also concluded the District did not meet NFPA standard for fully staffed stations.

ISO / Long Hose Lay / Alternative Water Supply: Captain Kuiken reported on the Long Hose Lay he and Engineer Monty Kitzman attended in Rincon, Ga. Rincon Fire Department failed their attempt to demonstrate their ability to provide by a long hose lay test. Captain Kuiken and Eng. Kitzman established a procedure to pass the long hose lay test meeting the standards of the Insurance Services Office. The procedure established by Captain Kuiken and Engineer Kitzman included an additional water tender. Captain Kuiken researched the purchase of a new water tender and/or refurbishing a current apparatus to meet our needs. He believes that a new water tender is the best option with a purchase price of an estimated \$350,000.00. There was discussion of selling the Districts' current water tender for an estimated \$130,000.00 to offset the cost of a new water tender. Following discussion from Vice President Michael Cook and input from Director Eric Ryplewski, a motion was put forward to purchase a new truck not to exceed \$375,000.00 by Secretary Gary Maggi and seconded by Director Eric Ryplewski. Director Ryplewski requested the District look at a lease purchase versus cash purchase. **See above for Board Action.**

Debra Graves, Finance Director

2018 Audit has been filed with the Colorado State Auditor and accepted.

Captain Kuiken in the absence of Ops Chief Rob Stumpf

Captain Kuiken updated the Board on the status of the new apparatus purchased by the District. Ford F150's are in service as Squads. The Cab & Chassis for the new Type Six in in process. The Transit Van for the Dive Rescue is at Summit, with approximately 400 hours of work remaining.

ASHER Training: It was reported the training with LCSO, while not quite as expected, was an excellent opportunity to work together and build relationships with the Sheriff's Office.

May Soricelli, Public Information Officer

Fire Fighter for A Day: PIO May Soricelli updated the Board as to the final plans for upcoming Fire Fighter for a Day Camp. Registration for the Firefighter for a Day camp was filled in less than two hours after being posted on Facebook. The camp is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5th and Tuesday, August 6th. There will be six stations for the young firefighters to experience the skills required to be a firefighter. Currently, there are fifteen (15) parents who enlisted to assist. Larimer County Sheriff's Office has been asked to provide security. Brick Oven is providing pizza, a generous citizen has covered the cost of the pizza.

Communication from Board of Directors / Open Discussion

The Board requested feedback on the TPC golf tournament. Two boxes of band aids were handed out, one caddy patched up, oxygen was given to a pro from Australia. Chief Stumpf is working to map the course for dispatch.

Adjournment

Vice President Michael Cook requested a motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Director Eric Ryplewski made the motion and Secretary Gary Maggi seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Board adjourned.

Signature Page:

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Michael Cook
Vice President

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Gary Maqai
Secretary

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Eric Ryplewski
Director

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David Shipley
Director