

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTHWEST ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Southwest Adams County Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on April 15, 2010, at 3365 West 65th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Board members in attendance were: Dottie Martinez, Harold Lewis, Greg Neal, Martha Velasquez and Randy Ferguson. Others in attendance were: Michelle Ferguson, Bob Feis, Chief George Ditolla, Clinton Garner and Kaye Lombardi.

CALL TO ORDER – President Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – Attorney Michelle Ferguson requested that the Board acknowledge receipt of the semi-annual report from the Pension Board.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2010 BOARD MEETING – Director Neal moved to approve the March 18, 2010 Board meeting minutes as presented. Director Velasquez seconded. Motion carried.

President Martinez announced that the Board would move to agenda item 8 to allow Bob Feis to proceed with his delivery of the 2009 audit report.

Mr. Feis gave an overview of the District's and Pension Fund's financial standing. The District's revenue has decreased over the last four years. However, the mill levy should help sustain the District as commercial property in the area has retained its value.

Mr. Feis also reviewed for the Board the 2009 audit letter and the government-required report. He suggested that the District consider replacing the American Fundware software program with a different program that will allow Chief Staff to reconcile year-end reports more efficiently.

A copy of the audit is incorporated into these minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – Don and Billie Schroeder thanked the Board for the use of the firehouse for their grandson's birthday party.

The family of Greg Hartman thanked Chief Ditolla and Board for the flowers sent for Greg's funeral.

Anthony Calabrese thanked the District and Pension Boards for the fruit basket sent during his recent hospitalization.

BILLS – The bills for March were reviewed by the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Director Neal moved to accept the January 2010 financial statement as presented. Director Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

The February and March financials will be presented at the May meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Ditolla congratulated Michelle Ferguson for her mention in 5280 Magazine as one of Colorado's 50 "top up-and-coming attorneys."

Our generator for Station 11 went out during the last snowstorm; it will cost about \$15,000.00 to replace. An Automatic External Defibrillator was lost on a call; it will cost approximately \$4,000.00 to replace. Claims for both of these losses have been made with the insurance company.

The District's website is being updated. Chief Ditolla reviewed twelve other fire agency websites and compared them to the District's website. He is working with Paramedic Todd Stockford to add several items to the website, such as the District's budget and monthly meeting minutes.

Westminster Fire and the District's firefighters will receive live-burn training together at the North Washington Fire training tower. Westminster has given the District radios to help alleviate the communication problems the District was having between the Motorola and Ericson radios.

Arvada Fire Protection District would like to meet with the District to discuss options for covering the southeast end of their District.

The E-911 Authority Board has discussed replacing the Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for the various agencies on some type of schedule. This would definitely help the District as it would otherwise cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 to replace the District's MDTs. The E-911 additional funding must be used toward improving communications.

Linda Carroll compared last year's ambulance revenue with this year's: in March 2009 the District collected \$326,000 and this March the District collected \$360,000.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT – In addition to the written attorneys' report, Michelle Ferguson reported that she has been analyzing the new health care accountability act and will be sending the District a letter outlining its requirements. She also advised the Board that it may wish to prepare a resolution of advocacy in opposition to Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61 on the November 2010 ballot to inform the public of the District's position on these issues that could have dire financial consequences for the District.

CITIZENS' INPUT – President Martinez told Lt. Garner that she thought the heart-imaging program was a good idea and asked Lt. Garner regarding the status of this program. Lt. Garner replied that the District has been forced to drop the program because the budget no longer permits it. These images are recommended every three years as they can evaluate heart health and identify sleep apnea; a non-evasive colon scan is also available.

ADJOURNMENT – Director Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Director Ferguson seconded. The motion carried.

Randy Ferguson, Secretary