

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Special Meeting November 20, 2019

Meeting called to order by Denis at 1:43pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, John Ward
- Absent: Karl Adam
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Charles Curtis, Ryan Warren, Thom Barr, Adam Cohen
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon

Recruit Update – Charlie Curtis (1:43pm):

- Charlie gave a brief presentation of how the program is going, noting that the current recruit class started out with 8 and now we are down to 3, due to personal reasons and time commitments.

ESCI Update (1:55pm):

- ESCI will be here to do interviews December 2 – 4. Staff is working on schedule. The board will meet with ESCI individually, Tuesday, December 2nd between 6:00pm and 8:30pm.

Certificate of Participation (COP)- Todd Snidow - Stifel (2:01pm)

- Todd shared the results of the COP sale that happened November 19th. Everything went well with \$14 million being sold with a final interest of 2.75%.
- **Motion by Denis to direct money to COLOTRUST Prime Account. Johns second. All approved.**

Airport Mutual Aid Agreement Review:

- Final agreement was presented to the board. **Motion from John to accept and direct Chief to sign agreement. Wabs second. All approved.**

CEO/Chief:

- Rick announced Grant Jahnke has accepted the position of Fire Prevention Specialist replacing Charlie Curtis. He will begin full time in January.
- Staff is working on North 40 schedule.
- December 7th is the Sardy House Christmas Tree Lighting. Rick will be delivering Santa and Mrs. Santa to the Sardy House in the ranger and will be lighting the Christmas tree.
- Housing Committee met and have decided to go with the most recent plan. The plan will be taken to Planning & Zoning in the next week or two.

2020 Budget Review (2:52pm)

- Boiler: Recommendations will go to the board to make decision. Time is of essence as current boiler is not holding up.

- North 40 Roof Replacement: Current material was a new item when build and is starting to leak. It will need replacement. Current proposed budget does not include roofing over bays. Ken will get an estimate by finalization of budget to include the bay area.
- Pitkin County Shop: Rick will be meeting with them to discuss pricing for new year. There may be an increase.
- Drone Program: Part of the budget is for training. The full budget may or may not be used.
- Apparatus Replacement: E61 and E62 are scheduled to be replaced. The ideas would be to have them both built the same, but build a year apart.
- Staff Vehicles: There was a review all current staff and OCO vehicles and confirmation as to who is using.
- FPPA: The current contribution of \$180,000 will maintain the fund. Stoney requested adding \$200,000 to help pay down unfunded liability.
- Emergency Reserve Fund and Operations Reserve: There was discussion as to where to allocate extra funds. After much discussion, it was decided to rename "Operations" Reserve Fund to "Unallocated" Reserve Fund. There was discussion of changing Emergency Fund to \$100,000.

Motion by John to adjourn meeting at 3:41pm. Denis second. All approved.

** Full recording of this meeting is available upon request to the District Administrator or on the website at www.aspenfire.com.*