

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 15, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by Denis at 12:00pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Stoney Davis, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, Michael Buglione
- Board of Directors Absent: None
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Ken Josselyn, Jeff Edelson, Marc Zachary, Roya Beklik
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Paul Backes

Approval of Action Items/Minutes:

MOTION: Denis motioned to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on April 14, 2020. John second. All approved.

Public Comments:

- No public comments.

Good of District:

- Received a Thank You from Pitkin County Incident Management Team (PCIMT) for use of the Aspen Village Station for testing.

Financials:

- Paul Backes, McMahan & Associates: Paul presented the 2019 Audited Financial Statements to the board.

MOTION: Motion by Denis to accept the 2019 Audited Financial Statements. John second.
Discussion: There was clarification of movement of funds from Capital Acquisitions and the \$600,000 in the Unallocated Fund Balance. This was budgeted for paid firefighters that was not used in 2019. Rick informed the board of a SAFER Grant staff has been working on that could save the district up to approximately \$600,000 on staffing.
Vote: All approved

Board Member Action Items/Comments:

- Welcome to new board member, Michael Buglione. Oaths were administered to Michael and John on May 14th.
- Board positions were elected:
 - John Ward – President
 - Denis Murray – Vice President
 - Stoney Davis – Treasurer
 - Dave (Wabs) Walbert – Secretary
- Michael stated he was honored to be on the board and looks forward to working with everyone.

Chief/CEO Report:

- North 40: Pitkin County required a traffic study. The project will go in front of Planning & Zoning June 16th. BOCC may look at the project in June. Denis gave an overview on the project budget. The Housing Committee will review options with the board once concrete numbers come in.
- Free Food Friday: Aspen Art Museum and other businesses have been sponsoring food on Fridays. This will continue as long as they can.
- Starwood HOA: They would like to meet with Stoney and John.
- Capital Plan: Staff will be working on updating this.
- SAFER Grant: Currently working on applying for this grant. Should know by the first part of June. This is a request to pay for 6 paid firefighters and will save the district a considerable amount of money if received.
- Training Report: Jeff Edelson gave a summary of all the training and classes coming up. The Training Division has started to open up training slowly moving from 5 people to 10.
- Antibody Testing: Rick is working with DR. Martinez on antibody testing. He is recommending an antibody test through Mayo Clinic available at AVH. He has offered to do referrals for the testing. The test is \$200, but the hope is it will be covered by insurance. Rick asked to reallocate funds if insurance doesn't cover. Nikki gave overview of current COVID precautions.

MOTION: Motion by John to get prescription, move forward and if anyone doesn't have insurance district can cover it. Wabs second.
Vote: All approved.

Old Business

- Airport MOU: No update
- ESCI Report Update: Rich Buchanan will be here to present the ESCI report on Wednesday, May 20th at 5:00pm.

New Business:

- Public Outreach: Discussion of hiring Chris Bendon with BendonAdams to help with public outreach after ESCI report comes out.
- Thank you to Karl Adam for his years of service, hard work and dedication to the district.

MOTION: Motion by Michael to adjourn at 1:30pm. Wabs second. All approved.

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