

**INTER-CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
ICFPD Station 3
8445 S Highway 285, Morrison, CO 80465
January 11, 2023**

1. Call to Order:

The ICFPD Board meeting was called to order by Board President, Mike Swenson at 6:10 pm.

2. Public Input Session (3min. max. and 5 speakers max.)

a. Kerry Prielipp – spoke on value of communications project to the District.

3. Changes to Agenda -

a. Annual designation of place for the public posting of notice to ICFPD Board Meetings pursuant to Colorado Open Meetings Law, Section 24-6-402(2)(c), Colorado Revised Statutes.

b. Take off the agenda – Wildland Capt. Mandl, emailed that he is unable to attend.

4. Attendance/Approval of Absences

Board Members Present:

Mike Swenson, President
Bob Scott, Secretary
Ginny Riley, Treasurer
Jackie White, Director
Natalie Arnett, Director

Excused Absence – n/a

5. Guests Present

Linda & Richard Marrs
Sharon Malek - H.E.A.T
Sharon Trilk – MMT / ECFPD
Gayla Logan, Veas – ICFPD
Jason Breton (sp?)
Kristin Hartje (sp?)
Jo Green
Peggy & Alan Dunn
Rebecca Archer
Paul Reid
Craig Ferguson
Kerry Prielipp

6. Approval of Minutes

a. December 14, 2022 District Board Meeting

MOTION: A motion by Natalie Arnett, with a second by Ginny Riley, to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022 board meeting. All in favor, none opposed, the motion is approved.

7. Financial Reports

a. Financial Report - Treasurer, Ginny Riley

The treasurer stated she would like to hold off presenting the financial report until the year end closeout has been completed. Adjustments need to be made of the same type the auditors make each year. She would like the District to have a clean close of the financials for 2022. Doing so at the close of the year will also assist in preparation for the 2022 Audit. This requires some time and will occur as soon as possible. Financial reports for December 2022 and January 2023 will be presented at the February 2023 Board Meeting.

8. Officers Reports

a. Chief Shirlaw–

Chief provided the 2022 response statistics and the December monthly report.

Announced there are currently two new members onboarding who will be going to academy, participating in wildland and emr activities.

We have a recent volunteer who will be going to start his career as a firefighter/emt and soon to be paramedic with the Colorado Springs department, we wish him all the best.

9. Unfinished Business –

a. Communications update –

Still waiting on consultant reports for alternate tower locations for an update to the board. We are exploring alternative locations to the proposed tower at station 5. We are moving that location to priority 3 status. Priority 2 is the Doubleheader location. And priority one is a new location which will be disclosed later. We are checking on the official name of the area still but the focus is here by the engineers. It does have some difficult access which will need to be addressed should it work for us. A report depends on access being available to the engineers but anticipating something being presented by next board meeting. Ownership at the doubleheader site has been contacted, the priority one location is in process. There is more cost in using the new towers over station 5. The District will incur more debt – especially over the long term. However, we are listening to the community and trying our best to resolve the location issue to the benefit of the communications project and the community.

10. New Business

a. Turn Corps survey, ph.1 – Director Arnett

Natalie Arnett went over the survey results of the voter opinion survey focusing on community perception, quality of service, awareness and community opinion. She expounded on the data, where it derived from as to age, political party as to fiscal conservativeness and stated the results as indicated were highly favorable. An overview of the questions and topics of survey was reviewed. Support for the question of property tax increase was an overwhelming percentage and the specific mill increase question was favorable. There are definitely possibilities to educate the community on services. These results are specific to Inter-Canyon District, but Elk Creek and North Fork were also surveyed. Each district will review their specific results at their own board meetings. After that is complete, the results will become available to every district/public.

The numbers are similar with the other 2 districts, all very positive. Room for education but a firm basis to launch consolidation consideration. Pros and cons were given in survey comments responses also. A thank you was given to the Community Ambassadors for getting the word out for a great response which was 3x what was expected.

b. Proposal, Turn Corps ph.2

Chief Shirlaw reviewed the proposal as presented in board packet. Ph 1 was the survey and dependent on the results to move forward. The strong numbers from the survey indicate moving forward to the next step. Cost will be \$80,000 split between the 3 districts. Ph 2 is an education plan to express to residents why the district feels it needs consolidation. We want to continue with Turn Corps. We are asking to approve the next phase – tonight.

Mike Swenson gave his positive opinion to continue with Turn Corps given the background of this company. He advocates continuing the confidence of the community and building on these positive results will be good for us. Should offload to a professional and not our loaded staff, and community advocate programs. Natalie Arnett echoed the same. Ginny Riley stated she believes we need to rely on trusted advisors. Jackie White feels we are needing a consistent message for the three separate districts but questions if we should be paying someone else for assistance if these positive results from the survey show that the District has community support. Bob Scott said he is in full support of hiring this firm to complete the next phase as proposed. We would still be pending approval of the other 2 districts and a change order can be put in place if the content needs to be adjusted. Chief Shirlaw stated that the timeline is of the essence.

Further discussion by the board on the pros and cons of moving forward to approve spending the money for phase 2.

MOTION: A motion by Bob Scott, with a second by Ginny Riley, to approve the Turn Corps ph. 2 proposal for the \$80,000 quote with the provision that the other 2 districts approve and noting that anything over and above that amount will be presented in a change order. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, the motion is approved.

c. Unified Legal Counsel approval

Seeking approval for using one attorney ___ for the three districts seeking to consolidate. Goal is to avoid complications of having three separate attorneys and added costs. This would be for consolidation purposes only and carry over into a consolidated district should it be successful. Adele L. Reester, Esq. is currently the legal counsel for elk creek. North fork is in agreement to utilizing her services for consolidation. Discussion of how the choice was made.

MOTION: A motion by Ginny Riley, with a second by Bob Scott, to approve using Adele L. Reester, Esq. as legal counsel for consolidation purposes. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, the motion is approved.

d. Resolution calling for the 2023 Regular District Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official

MOTION: A motion by Jackie White, with a second by Ginny Riley, to approve the Resolution calling for the 2023 Regular District Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official. All in favor, none opposed, the motion is approved.

e. Annual designation of place for the public posting of notice for ICFPD Board Meetings pursuant to Colorado Open Meetings Law, Section 24-6-402(2)(c), C.R.S.

Per the District bylaws the public posting location is set as ICFPD Station 1, 7939 S. Turkey Creek Rd., Morrison, CO 80465, and at or on the District webpage.

MOTION: A motion by Natalie Arnett, with a second by Bob Scott, to approve the designation of place for the public posting of notice for ICFPD Board Meetings pursuant to **Colorado Open Meetings Law, Section 24-6-402(2)(c), Colorado Revised Statutes** at Station 1, 7939 S. Turkey Creek Rd., Morrison, CO 80465 and on the District's webpage. All in favor, none opposed, the motion is approved.

11. Executive session, if needed – None

12. Public Input Session – 3 min each

a. none

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Mike Swenson.

Minutes recorded by Toni Lucero, District Administrator

Submitted by:



Bob Scott
Secretary,
ICFPD Board of Directors

Attested by:



Mike Swenson
President,
ICFPD Board of Directors