

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RATTLESNAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

September 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Rattlesnake Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on September 23, 2024, at Rattlesnake Fire Training Center, 46220 Coal Creek Drive, Parker, Colorado. at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Directors in attendance were:

- Linda Krausert
- Levi Longmore
- Rob Royal
- Jim White

Absent:

- John Bonner - excused

Also in attendance:

- Mary Pat O'Halloran – Finance Manager – telephonically
- Robert Tibbals – Attorney
- Cass Kilduff – Chief
- Lloyd Standard – Assistant Chief
- Aaron Craigie – Division Chief

At 7:00 p.m. the regular meeting of the Rattlesnake Fire Board was called to order by Mr. White.

Minutes

The minutes from the August 26, 2024 regular meeting were reviewed. After a brief discussion Mr. Royal made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Longmore seconded the motion and all approved.

Bills

Ms. O'Halloran reviewed the invoices for approval and the financial activity since the last meeting with the Board. The check run totaled \$22,634.51 which included \$12,000.00 to BBC Research & Consulting for the impact fee study and regular monthly bills. After a brief discussion. Mr. Royal made a motion to approve and pay the invoices as presented. Ms. Krausert seconded the motion and all approved.

The financials for September 2024 were presented and reviewed. Upon consensus, the Board accepted the Financial Reports as presented.

2025 Preliminary Budget

Ms. O'Halloran reviewed the 2025 Preliminary Budget. The recent passage of HB24B-1001 may alter the calculation of property taxes and over the next few weeks further research and education will be offered. Any changes will be presented in the final budget. The proposed capital expenditures are a new fire engine, extraction equipment and improvements to Station 253 of which all will be funded by either a full or partial grant. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to accept the 2025 Preliminary Budget meeting the statutory requirement.

Chief's Report

Chief Kilduff reported that there are 41 people on the roster. All equipment is in service and there are no issues on water availability. There have been 38 calls since the last meeting for a total of 339 calls for 2024.

From the interviews on September 10, 2024 five new applicants have been brought on and two more applicants have applied.

### Site Reviews

No updates.

### Fleet Services

Preventative maintenance completed on RSF508, new batteries for RSF506 and RSF301 pump surging complete. Outside work was performed for Elizabeth Fire, Kiowa Fire and Simila Fire.

### Operational Education

Considered the budget and impact fee discussions

### Attorney's Report

Mr. Tibbals further discussed the passage of the legal impact of the property tax bill HB24B-1001 and will be discussing with other law firms the validity of the legislation.

Mr. White discussed the potential to use a sales tax to offset the loss in property tax collection that HB24B-1001 and the potential future actions that the legislature may take. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to continue to consider this option.

### ECCA Report

Mr. White reported the 2025 budget process is underway. The new radio encryption is planned for law and fire command staff only. Elbert County's Office of Emergency Management is on a campaign for Code Red to clean up the existing database and encourage participation.

Mr. White announced at the end of the year 2025 he will be resigning from ECCA and his position will be transitioned to the Douglas County radio operations.

### Public Comments

No public were present.

### Old Business

- ADA Compliance – Division Chief Craigie stated the website is now live but still in progress is making documents compliant.
- Impact Fee – Chief Kilduff reported that BBC Research & Consulting after their presentation and the discussion held at the last meeting updated their numbers to \$5,475.00 for residential and \$2.32 square foot for commercial. After a brief discussion Mr. Royal made a motion to set the impact fee for residential at \$5,475.00 and \$2.32 square foot for commercial effective October 1, 2024. Ms. Krausert seconded the motion and all approved
- Station 253 remodel – Mr. White reported that the design and quotes are in progress with the application for the Energy Impact Grant deadline in December.

### New Business

- None

### Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Training Center.

Mr. Royal made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Krausert seconded the motion and all approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.