

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ARVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Agenda Review  
and  
General Session  
7903 Allison Way, Arvada, Colorado**

**April 2, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Loveridge called the April 2, 2018 regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present:**

Bob Loveridge, President/Chairman  
Jeff Van Es, Vice-President  
Tim Allport, Secretary  
Matt Kramer, Treasurer

**Board members absent:**

Kirk Rasmussen, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer (excused)

**Also present:**

Chief Jon Greer  
Dino Ross, Attorney for the District  
Mike Piper, Deputy Chief  
Agenda Review only  
Jim Whitfield – Board Candidate  
Support Services Chief Clay Steward  
Ryan Weir, IAFF Local 4056 Director  
Joseph Blackwell, IAFF Local 4056

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Ryan Weir advised the Board of Union activities during the preceding month. Joseph Blackwell expressed concern by the Union with respect to Candidate Whitfield's use of the District's logo. Chief Greer stated that he required Candidate Whitfield to stop using the District's logo as soon as the unauthorized action was brought to his attention. Joseph Blackwell stated that the Union feels there is a "conflict of interest" in the District conducting the election at Apex's facility because President Loveridge and Candidate Whitfield both previously served on the Apex Board. Discussion followed.

Ryan Weir left the meeting.

The Board, Chief Greer, Deputy Chief Piper, and Attorney Ross reviewed the agenda items.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Treasurer Kramer moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, to develop strategy for negotiations, instruct negotiators, and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, and to receive legal advice on these matters pursuant to C.R.S §24-6-402(4)(b), (e) and (f). Vice-President Van Es seconded. Attorney Ross certified for the record that the Executive Session will constitute a confidential attorney-client communication and will not be recorded. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

Vice-President Van Es moved to come out of Executive Session. Treasurer Kramer seconded. The Board returned to the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Chairman Loveridge recessed the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Chairman Loveridge called the general session to order at 7:00 pm.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Loveridge led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS**

Chairman Loveridge asked that all those present observe a moment of silence for the 21 firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty to date in 2018 in the United States. He also reported that there have been 889 civilian residential fire deaths so far in 2018.

## **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBER**

Treasurer Kramer moved to excuse Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rasmussen from the meeting. Vice-President Van Es seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-President Van Es moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 regular Board meeting as presented. Treasurer Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ATTORNEYS' REPORT**

Attorney Ross stated that the written attorney's report was included in the Board packet.

Attorney Ross reviewed with the Board the proposed First Amendment to the August 5, 2013 Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Arvada and the Arvada Fire Protection District for the Use and Maintenance of Arvada's Public Safety Radion System.

Attorney Ross stated that he is helping Chief Staff evaluate a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the City and the School District in connection with the fiber-optic network the City is constructing. Attorney Ross anticipates that it will be a couple months before they have a draft IGA that is ready to be reviewed by the Board. sorted.

Attorney Ross stated that his office has filed the appropriate documents with the Jefferson County District Court requesting an order including the five parcels of property in the Candelas development into the District.

Attorney Ross stated that included in the Board packet is a copy of the Legislative Tracker prepared by his firm. The Legislative Tracker sets forth bills currently pending before the Colorado General Assembly that, if enacted, could have an impact on the District. Attorney Ross also provided a brief update on the status of potential legislation that may extend the cycle for adjusting the residential assessment rate until 2020.

### **Directors' Report**

President Loveridge and Vice-President Van Es will attend the liaison meeting with City of Arvada representatives on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at Panera on Wadsworth at 4:00 p.m.

### **DIVISION REPORT**

#### **EMS – EMS Chief Dave Mitchell**

Apex Paramedic Billing has been doing the billing for ambulance service for the District for over a year now. Revenue is up approximately \$20,000, not counting the additional income from increased call volume.

JeffCom began dispatching calls on March 20. By mid-afternoon, the ESO systems were up and populating correctly. The District's EMS personnel were responsible to assure that the software made the transition. So far, everything has been very smooth. There have been some headaches, but these have been workable. The hospitals and other stakeholders are receiving the information they need.

The District's IT team and Lieutenant Stehle worked closely to identify the problem that existed with mobile connectivity. The District's solution was presented to ESO personnel and resulted in a nationwide update to their system. The District is hopeful that this will alleviate the stress crews have been having with uploading. This also fixes the analytics issue that Captain Putfark described when he presented to the Board last year. Personnel can view the vast majority of calls from first call through hospital discharge.

In response to a post on Facebook about ambulance service, Chief Mitchell stated that, if there is ever a question about or refusal of payment for ambulance service, Apex Paramedic Billing will bend over backwards to make sure that patients are not cheated by their insurance company. They know the government and private payers and their processes well. The amount the District charges for an ambulance transport has not changed since the inception of the program. The District does not have Preferred Provider status with any insurance company, as this would require payment concessions from the District. The Arvada Fire Ambulance

Membership Program referred to in the post is a very good idea for everyone. It is just \$50 per year and \$25 per year for additional family members.

Chief Mitchell stated that he has been elected as the President-elect for the International Association of EMS Chiefs. He will hold this position for two years and then will be President for two years. He thanked Chief Greer, Deputy Chief Piper and the Board for continuing to support the personal and professional development of all the members of the District. He will do his best to represent the District at this international level.

Chief Greer offered his congratulations and stated that the District is one of the "little guys" in this organization. Some member organizations run 4,000 calls per day. Chief Mitchell noted that some only run two per week; however, the organization is beneficial to all. The District has leaned on the organization a lot and has also contributed, as many members have implemented the District's active shooter and emergency response team guidelines.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Kramer made a motion to accept the financial statements for February 2018 as presented. Vice-President Van Es seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consideration and Possible Approval of First Amendment to IGA for Use and Maintenance of APD's Radio System 02-14-18**

Vice-President Van Es moved to approve the First Amendment to the August 5, 2013 Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Arvada and the Arvada Fire Protection District for the Use and Maintenance of Arvada's Public Safety Radion System. Treasurer Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Treasurer Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President Van Es seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



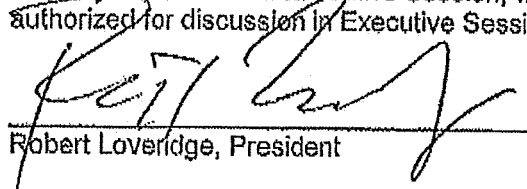
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Timothy D. Allport, Secretary

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.



Dino A. Ross, Esq.

I hereby attest that the Executive Session, which was not recorded, was confined to topics authorized for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), (e) and (f).



Robert Loveridge, President

cc: Website