



Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 18, 2024

Commissioner Hutcheson opened a regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:30pm. This meeting was also available to the public via Zoom. The following attended:

Commissioner Hallanger

Commissioner Olson

Commissioner Headley

Chief Goldstein

DC Huff

DC Stich

Finance Director Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 board meeting minutes with and edit. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Oath of Office:

Commissioner Hutcheson administered the Oath of Office to one new employee, Firefighter/ EMT Melissa Sholomicky. We are happy to have her join our team. Welcome!

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

911 Update: Commissioner Headley gave an overview on staffing updates. The 911 Board recently approved a conditional offer for an Operations Manager. There will be some administrative staff movements occurring in the near future.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

***Surplus Projector & Blower (Staff Report 9-1-001):** Commissioner Headley made a motion to approve the surplus of the items identified in Staff Report 9-1-001 at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

Chief's Report:

- The academy for six of our newer full-time employees started Monday.
- Update on staff that are out on wildland mobes.
- DC Huff's new vehicle is now in service.
- About 1,500 flyers went out to Rose Valley residents which focused on recruitment and the two public meetings that are scheduled for residents to attend. We will also be participating in Rose Valley Days which is happening on September 21.
- Overview provided on our insurance coverages and recent issues discovered. We were recently notified by Nicholson & Associates (our insurance broker) that VFIS is dropping our management liability coverage, which is extremely concerning. Our deductibles are doubling or tripling and our premiums are significantly increasing. All agencies that are part of the risk management pool are very concerned and looking into other options, which includes changing insurance brokers. The Board is in support of staff seeking additional options and making the appropriate decision that is in the best interest of the District. The Chief will keep the Board informed as this moves forward.
- Driver/Operator Brown is leaving on a 6-month military deployment soon. We appreciate his service.
- Our audit is underway for 2022 and 2023. The auditors anticipate that their audit work will go on for 4-6 weeks.

Payroll:

Commissioner Headley made a motion to approve payroll totaling \$376,717.80 for warrant numbers 65929-65938 and EFTs dated September 5, 2024. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve vouchers totaling \$78,279.19 for warrant numbers 65939-65982 dated September 12, 2024. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioners Hutcheson and Headley plan to attend the September 25 Rose Valley community meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hutcheson at 5:00pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary