

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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West Metro Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 19, 2019

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Metro Fire Protection District board of directors was called to order by President Pam Feely at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was held in accordance with the applicable statutes of the state of Colorado, at West Metro Fire Protection District's headquarters, 433 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

### II. ROLL CALL

President Pam Feely	Present
Vice President Marta Murray	Present
Secretary Wendy Volmer	Absent
Treasurer Cassie Tanner	Present – arrived at 6:38 p.m.
Director Jerry Cassel	Present
Director Mike Feeley	Present
Director Kristina Moeder	Present

Also present were Fire Chief Don Lombardi; Deputy Chief Bruce Kral; Deputy Chief Mark Krapf; Deputy Chief Scott Rogers; Ms. Adele Reester, Esq.; Ms. Cathy Tallerico, Esq.; Firefighter Mike Mulcahy, representing IAFF Local #1309; Ms. Glenda Aragon; and, Ms. Kim Brewer as recording secretary.

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Owen and Peyton Wenger led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Feely requested a moment of silence to honor all fallen firefighters.

### IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 15, 2019

**MOTION: It was moved by Mike Feeley and seconded by Marta Murray to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of directors dated January 15, 2019, as presented. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

## **V. PROMOTIONS**

- A. Promote Dan Wenger to the Rank of Captain, and Luke Bazacas to the Rank of Lieutenant – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

**MOTION: It was moved by Kristina Moeder and seconded by Jerry Cassel to promote Dan Wenger to the rank of captain and Luke Bazacas to the rank of lieutenant effective January 16, 2019. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

## **VI. OATH OF OFFICE FOR CAPTAIN DAN WENGER AND LIEUTENANT LUKE BAZACAS**

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## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments limited to 3 minutes each)**

None.

## **VIII. REPORTS**

- A. Report of the Fire Chief – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

1. US&R Update

The federal budget was approved, and US&R received a little over \$45M (the typical \$35M and an additional \$10M for capital equipment replacement). Before the government shutdown, the Strategic Group meeting was going to be held on March 6 and 7, but it was canceled due to threat of another government shutdown. It's back on again, but has been made a budget meeting. Chief Lombardi will be in Washington, DC on March 6 and 7 for the budget meeting.

2. Finance Division Update

a. Preliminary December 2018 Financial Statements

Ms. Aragon distributed and reviewed the preliminary December 2018 financial statements which will be brought to the board for approval at the March meeting.

The District was approached by the Moody's Investors Service about improving our already great Aa rating. They were impressed with some of the District's major improvements (maintaining a fund balance every year, the November election to de-Gallagherize, the annual fund balance risk analysis done prior to

approving the budget). We should know by the end of the week if our rating has improved.

3. 2018 Public Information Officer Recap – Ms. Ronda Scholting

Ms. Scholting gave a presentation on the 2019 communications/media strategy (where we were in 2015, where we are at the end of 2018, and where we're going in 2019).

B. Administration – Deputy Chief Mark Krapf

None.

C. Operations – Deputy Chief Scott Rogers

1. Report of Recent Activities

None.

2. EMS Division Update – Division Chief Jeremy Metz

Chief Metz gave a presentation on the Ambulance Services Cost of Service and Rate Study done by Public Consulting Group to provide benchmarking for West Metro with other ambulance service agencies in Colorado and throughout the country. The report also provides detailed recommendations for preparing for upcoming Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services cost reporting and cost data collection initiatives.

Chief Lombardi announced that state legislators have come up with House Bill 1174 and Senate Bill 134 – surprise billing bills. The intent of this legislation is to regulate fees for stand-alone emergency departments, urgent care facilities, and hospitals that use out-of-network providers. Unfortunately, all health care providers were called out in these bills. West Metro is a health care provider and what these bills would do is put West Metro at an in-network rate. In-network costs for services would be \$400 or \$500 when in actuality it costs West Metro \$2,500 per transport. There is similar legislation in California that exempts EMS. That would be preferable for West Metro. With House Bill 1174 there is no intent to exempt EMS. If they can't exempt EMS, the next best thing would be to take our cost analysis and do a percentage above that. This legislation would put West Metro in a bigger bind than Gallagher would have. How can West Metro remain in the EMS business if the state of Colorado regulates EMS fees to a much lower rate?

D. Life Safety – Deputy Chief Bruce Kral

1. Comprehensive Project Report - Electronic Report

E. Other Matters

Chief Lombardi requested and received consensus to change the date and time of the April board meeting to Monday, April 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

F. Report of Legal Counsel – Adele Reester, Esq.

Part of Ms. Reester’s report will be in executive session along with Cathy Tallerico who is present to give a litigation update. Ms. Reester also notified the board that the District received a Notice of Claim under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act regarding an accident with a District vehicle.

G. Report of the President – President Pam Feely

During last year’s legislative session the state legislature passed bill 18-247 creating a law enforcement officer and firefighter work related death continuation of medical benefits for dependents. The intent is to establish a fund so that the families are not left high and dry without medical insurance the day after their loved one dies. Ms. Feely requested and received consensus to direct Chief Lombardi and Ms. Reester to draft a similar policy for the District.

H. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Cassie Tanner

1. November 2018 Financial Statements

**MOTION: It was moved by Cassie Tanner and seconded by Marta Murray to approve the November 2018 financial statements as presented. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

I. Report of the Union – Firefighter Mike Mulcahy

The union just completed the 2019-2020-2021 contract vote with their membership. 298 members voted in favor of the contract and five members were opposed. The membership is very grateful for this contract as a whole, but especially for the two self-care days.

J. Report of Civil Service Committee – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

Chief Lombardi reported on the February 14 Civil Service Committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019.

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approve Scott SCBA Contract Renewal – Division Chief Bob Olme

**MOTION: It was moved by Cassie Tanner and seconded by Jerry Cassel to approve the renewal agreement between Scott Safety and West Metro Fire Rescue as presented and authorize Chief Lombardi to execute the agreements. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

- B. Approve T-Mobile Lease at Old Station 10 – Division Chief Bob Olme

**MOTION: It was moved by Cassie Tanner and seconded by Marta Murray to approve the lease between T-Mobile and West Metro Fire Protection District as presented and authorize Chief Lombardi or his designee to execute any and all necessary documents. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

- C. Purchase Two Medic Units and Rechassis Two Medic Units – Division Chef Bob Olme

**MOTION: It was moved by Kristina Moeder and seconded by Cassie Tanner to approve the purchase of two new medic units, re-chassis two medic units and the necessary capital equipment to properly equip these units totaling \$709,464, and authorize Chief Lombardi to execute all necessary documents required for the purchase. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

- D. 2019 Engine Purchase – Division Chief Bob Olme

**MOTION: It was moved by Cassie Tanner and seconded by Marta Murray to approve the request for purchase of a new 2019 Pierce Velocity Engine in the amount of \$735,034.00 and direct Chief Lombardi to execute any and all necessary paperwork to complete the transaction. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

## X. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## XI. BOARD BRIEFS

- A. Platte Valley Fire Protection District's MOA to Become a Participating Agency of the CO-TF1 – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

Chief Lombardi reviewed the request by Platte Valley Fire Protection District to become a participating agency of the CO-TF1, which will be brought to the board for approval at the March meeting.

B. Station 16 Phase 1 Contract – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

Chief Lombardi reviewed the Phase 1 construction plans for the remodel of Station 16 which will be brought to the board for approval at the March meeting.

C. Purchase SaM2 Pick-Up – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

Chief Lombardi reviewed the request to purchase a SaM2 pick-up which will be brought to the board for approval at the March meeting.

D. EMS Billing Specialist Position – Fire Chief Don Lombardi

Chief Lombardi reviewed the request to add an EMS billing specialist position in the EMS Division which will be brought to the board for approval at the March meeting.

**XII. OTHER MATTERS**

None.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION: At approximately 8:35 p.m. it was moved by Marta Murray and seconded by Cassie Tanner to enter into an executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b) CRS for purposes of a health trust litigation update. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

**MOTION: At approximately 9:46 p.m. it was moved by Cassie Tanner and seconded by Marta Murray to resume the regular board meeting of the West Metro Fire Protection District. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

President Feely announced that no motions were made nor were any votes taken.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: There being no further business to be presented it was moved by Cassie Tanner and seconded by Kristina Moeder to adjourn the regular meeting of the West Metro Fire Protection District board of directors. The motion was voted upon and carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Recording Secretary: /s/s/ Kim Brewer  
/s/ Wendy Volmer