Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 1600, Station 1

Call to Order: 1602 hours by Bob Loveman

BOD Attendees: Bob Loveman (President), Katy Fassett (Secretary), Paul Domich Matt Struzziero, Stasi York

Excused Absent: Nick Molé (Treasurer), Rob Quinn

Other Attendees: Chief Benson, Mike Palamara

Public Attendees: Marcus Taekla

Meeting Minutes: Bob moved that the minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting be approved. Seconded by Paul and approved; unanimous.

Reports
Treasurers Report: Bob Loveman, in Nick Molé's absence, reported that the preliminary February financials have been submitted. Although there are still a few large outstanding receivables, we have collected on many and have started moving cash to CSAFE. As a result, we are in a good cash position going into the season.

ERT Coordinator: Mike reported that the wildfire crew dispatched in January for a California fire has returned and that we will be reimbursed as soon as the Pinnacle audit is completed. Engine 4332 will bill $32,000 for the California dispatch with an estimated $5k in repair costs from the trip. Projected numbers for February indicate that personnel expenses are $70,000 in the red, normal for this time of year. Also, there is $40,000 in unshown mitigation revenue in Marysue's books through the end of February.

Chief Update: Chief reported that he has investigated the outstanding fire bills and has no reason to believe we won't get paid. The process is backlogged, and some reports had to be corrected. He is meeting with the state at the end of March to get more clarity. Chief, Caroline, and Mike will also attend the meeting. Bills are with DFPC and should be processed soon. Total outstanding due is $356,000.

Matt Struzziero says we should look at long term capital credit plan. Matt talked to Holman Capital, a non-bank lending outfit that assists governments and municipal organizations with lease options. He suggested that the BMFPD set up a meeting to discuss options.

Chief reported that there was a car fire on Pinebrook road. No houses or wildland were affected. Mike Palamara was the IC and there were no injuries, The incident is being investigated. Upon leaving the scene, 4322 was involved in an incident with another

car. Damages yet to be determined, however, 4322 was not damaged and there were no injuries.

Station 2 facia wind damage will be repaired at no cost to BMFPD. The decibel level also needs to be evaluated. Washer and extractor for wildland equipment is working well. A new dryer is in the budget and should be installed soon.

A discussion of whether BMFPD wants to employ single resource wildland firefighters took place, and it was determined that there isn't a benefit at this time.

Old Business

Heat Pumps: Chief Benson reported that the heat pump quote for station 2 to offset propane costs has been requested from Everest Mechanical and should be back soon. The decibel level of the heat pump units needs to be evaluated so that neighbors will not find the noise a nuisance.

Bookkeeper: Bob Loveman reported that he, Carolyn, Mike, Nick and Chief met with a CPA firm to go over all the systems. He suggested separating the Auxiliary from the BMFD's financial books to reduce accounting costs and increase efficiency. Bob will ask Pat Deutchman if she would take over the auxiliary books, so they are separated out of the BMFD financials. Negotiations are still underway.

Track Chipper Update: Chief Benson reported that the inspection is scheduled for the end of month to be sure it's ready for transport.

Replacement Chief: Paul Domich reported that after he posted the finalist list at stations 1 and 2, and the 14-day clock expired we have one candidate. Paul suggested that training options for the new fire chief should be offered and completed within the first 12 months and inquired if Chief Benson or Mike Palamara has any training needs or requirements to satisfy. A discussion ensued about the amount of training and what training certification should be obtained. The board requested that Chief and Mike discuss the matter and report back about what, if any, training programs make sense.

Cancel Election and Resolution: Bob Loveman reported that the nominations call went out for participants. The results were one self-nomination for each of the 3 wards: Matt Struzziero and Robb Quinn, incumbents, and Marcus Taekla, to replace Paul Domich (termed out). Resolution 25.1 was read by Bob, attached hereto. Paul Domich moved to adopt resolution 25.1. Matt seconded approved; unanimous.

Attendance: Bob Loveman will be absent for April and May's meetings. Katy Fassett will be absent for the April meeting.

Mike Palamara and Marcus Taekla left the meeting at 5:23.

Compensation: The board discussed compensation for the new chief position, and a letter of conditional employment with a list of terms that he would have to satisfy. The board determined an offer and will include it in the letter.

Paul Domich left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Meeting Notices and Scheduling
Next BOD meeting is at Station 2 on April 14, 2025, at 1600.

Adjournment: Katy Fassett moved to adjourn the meeting at 1800 hours. Seconded by Bob Loveman and approved; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Fassett

Approved _____ Date _____