Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 1600, Station 2

Call to Order: 1604 hours by Bob Loveman

BOD Attendees: Bob Loveman (President), Katy Fassett (Secretary), Nick Molé (Treasurer), Paul Domich, Rob Quinn, Matt Struzziero, Stasi York

Excused Absent: None

Other Attendees: Chief Benson, Mike Palamara

Public Attendees: None

Meeting Minutes: Katy Fassett moved that the minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting be approved. Seconded by Bob Loveman and approved; unanimous.

Pension Committee Meeting: Called to order at 1605. Bob Loveman, Secretary in attendance, reported that the minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting were distributed to the committee. Paul Domich moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Katy Fassett and approved; unanimous.

Bob Loveman presented the pension credit qualifiers with 21 named qualified and 2 not qualified. Paul Domich moved to approve the 2024 21 pension qualifiers. Seconded by Rob Quinn and approved; unanimous.

Paul Domich moved to adjourn the Pension Committee meeting at 1613. Seconded by Matt Struzziero and approved; unanimous.

Reports

Treasurer: Nick Molé reported net profit of $557,000 for year-end 2024, but there will likely be downward adjustments. January 2025 accounts receivable is at $551,000. End of December 2024 AR was $950,000. Currently there is $615,000 in cash and some will be moved incrementally to CSafe over time.

Bob Loveman advised the board that he submitted the information for the audit on workers comp to Pinnacle and if it went up, it will increase 2024 expenses.

Matt recommended checking into credit line options to help manage future cash flow issues. He will research options and report back to the board.

ERT Coordinator: Mike Palamara reported that 2024 year-end surplus is $250,000 before capital expenditures, half than net. Projected numbers for January indicate that personnel expenses are $13,000 in the red. The CWPP report is complete and will be sent to residents this week. There is a current backlog of work in the amount of $650,000. The grants situation is good with Federal, State and County shovel ready projects approved with close to $1M in revenue for the year. The long-term goal is to

set up grants through 2029. There was a lengthy conversation about the viability of grant funding in relation to the government pulling back grant money. The board expressed concerns about getting grant reimbursements from the government. It was resolved that the situation be closely monitored.

Mike advised the board that 4333 has returned from California. In January, 315 piles have been burned in the district and there are still 200 remaining.

Mike submitted two proposed 2025 capital purchases: 1. New mitigation utility truck with secured funding in the amount of $50,000 from a state grant. The vehicle truck total cost is approximately $120k pre-grant. The truck is needed for expected growth of mitigation work and can carry more gear on calls. 2. New UTV with trade in of existing UTV. The current UTV, which is reaching the end of its life, was gifted to the department in 2013, and is used primarily for mitigation. Mike provided an estimate for total cost of $33,000 with trade in of $6,000. Bob Loveman moved to approve $120k gross of grant for $50k for the truck and UTV. Seconded by Paul Domich and approved; unanimous.

Matt Struzziero left the meeting at 1747.

Chief Update: There is no news on the grant to buy more radios. Chief reported that we are fully outfitted with radios. There is some Station 2 wind damage on facia. Chief met with Taylor Kohrs and Full Metal to work on plan to fix everything. 4333 is back from CA where it sustained $5,200 in damage to running board and under truck. Dispatch revenue will cover the cost of damage. The track chipper is being built. One truck needed new tires, and there were minor repairs on other trucks.

Chief attended the Division of Fire Prevention and Control's (DFPC) strategic planning meeting last fall where he expressed concern that Forest Service reimbursements are not coming in. They agreed to do a regional request for more prompt payments.

Old Business

Heat Pumps: Paul Domich informed the board that Everest would like to provide a proposal for the heat pumps but needs additional information. Bob Loveman will talk to the Chief to help facilitate acquiring the information.

Bookkeeper: Due to Marysue Huckabee's impending retirement, Bob Loveman received a bid from an accounting firm. He will meet with firm, Marysue, Nick, and board to talk through the processes.

Election: The BMFPD's board election is this May. Bob Loveman is working with Cindy about how to advertise. Chief will post call for nominations. Susan Schiff is the designated officer.

Mike Palamara left the meeting at 1800.

Replacement Chief: Two applications were received and reviewed. The board discussed the qualifications of each candidate, and It was determined that one applicant was not qualified. The board will move forward with its final candidate. Paul Domich

moved that the finalist list consists of Mike Palamara and will become effective upon notification of all candidates. Seconded by Bob Loveman and approved; unanimous.

Meeting Notices and Scheduling
Next BOD meeting is at Station 1 on March 10, 2025, at 1600.

Adjournment: Katy Fassett moved to adjourn the meeting at 1854 hours. Seconded by Rob Quinn and approved; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Fassett

Approved _____ Date _____