

MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: February 22, 2023, 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument

[Zoom Meeting Invite](#)

- I. **Call to Order**, Lance 6:30 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** – roll call performed by Secretary Smaldino
Present – Lance, Kelly, Buckingham, Smaldino, and Hildebrandt
Absent – Hayes, Tharnish
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Agenda reviewed. Treasurer Kelly approved the agenda with a second by Director Buckingham, 5-0.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Regular meeting – January 2023. Secretary Smaldino approved minutes with a second from Directory Buckingham, 4-0.
- VI. **Financial Report**
 - i. Financial Report – January 2023. Report presented by Treasurer Kelly. Approved by Secretary Smaldino with a second from Director Buckingham, 5-0.
The Board questioned the high cost of snowplow service. The Fire Chief to review the snowplowing contract and provide a remedy at the next meeting.
- VII. **Items not on the agenda – Board/Citizen/Staff Comment**
(Individuals will be kept to a 3-minute time limit)
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - i. Station 1 Training Center Update – DV Bradley having discussions with Colorado Springs Fire and Black Forest over joint training center use. Evaluating other options for land to avoid noise and disruption to homes that reside behind Station 1. Since the board approved a land purchase for Station 6, Station 6 may be a better option to house the training center.

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IX. New Business

- i. Palmer Lake IGA – Palmer Lake canceled the contract. Since the cancellation, multiple conversations occurred. Chief Kovacs sent data requested by Palmer Lake. The next meeting with the town is to be announced.
- ii. Facilities updates – DV Bumgarner provided renovation plans for all to review for Station 2, Station 4, and Station 5.
- iii. 2022 Annual Report. The report is posted on the website www.monumentfire.org with hard copies at the administrative office. Vice President Lance said the report was “well done.”
- iv. Fire Technician position update- Six applications received, with four interviewed. Per DV Bumgarner, “all were outstanding applicants.”
- v. Community Outreach/Public Information Officer position. DV Bumgarner explained the need for the position. Plan to post internally first.

MOTION: to approve Community Outreach/PIO position. Director Buckingham made the motion to approve with a second by Treasurer Kelly, 5-0.

X. Chief's Report (January)

- i. Group of six staff to go to Florida on Feb. 27th for the Center for Public Safety on Excellence conference. BC Coyle will be assigned “acting chief.”
- ii. Firefighter academy began to include our staff, Colorado Springs FD, and Black Forest Fire, with a total of 37 recruits.
- iii. Local 4319 to sponsor a recruitment camp hosted by MFD and voted to provide a \$1000 scholarship to a student from LPHS, PRHS, or Discovery Canyon High School.
- iv. 732 training hours completed in the month of January.
- v. Recap of regional activities. BC Pearson heading the MCI group.
- vi. Cardiac monitors mounted in ambulances.
- vii. Working on collecting more call data.
- viii. New engine arrived and is parked at Station 5.
- ix. Squad is waiting on tools and equipment.
- x. Working on completing new decals on all apparatus.
- xi. Annual SCBA fit test completed in January.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- i. Palmer Lake IGA
- ii. Facilities update
- iii. Fire Technician position update
- iv. PIO position update

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XII. Adjourn

MOTION: to adjourn. Treasurer Kelly made the motion to adjourn with a second by Secretary Smaldino, 5-0 8: 15 pm.