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### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date/Time: August 28, 2024, 6:30 pm  
LOCATION: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** – Gunderman, Kelly, Garrett, Buckingham, Estes, Hildebrandt (7 pm).
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**—**Buckingham approved the agenda with a second from Garrett. The motion passed 5-0.**
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
  - i. Regular meeting – July 24, 2024 – Gunderman made the motion to approve the July minutes with a second from Garrett. Motion passed, 5-0.
- VI. **Financial Report**
  - i. Financial Report – July 2024 – Treasurer Kelly presented the financial report from July. Buckingham made the motion to approve the July financials with a second from Estes. Motion passed, 5-0.
- VII. **Items not on the agenda – Board/Citizen/Staff Comment**  
(Individuals will be kept to a 3-minute time limit.)
- VIII. **Old Business**
  - i. Training Center Update. Plans are going through the Town of Monument to approve the replat of the two acres to accommodate our partner.
  - ii. Donald Wescott FPD Unification Update. Everything is on track, and unification will occur by the end of 2024.
  - iii. Fire Station 3 Update. Presentation by Oz Architect of the new design.
  - iv. Fire Station 6 Land Purchase Update. The district is waiting for the land purchase agreement.

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### IX. New Business

- i. Resolution 2024-11

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 2024-11, opposing Initiatives 50 and 108.

Gunderman made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-11, with a second from Garrett. Motion passed, 6-0.

- X. **Chief's Report** – The budget coordinators are in the process of submitting their documents next week. On 7/4/2024, the district partnered with Monument Police to ensure a safe parade event for the town of Monument. A draft schedule for the district to participate in negotiations for 2025 was created. Chief Kovacs gave a “Chief’s Coin” to a Monument Police Officer who assisted with a medical aid response. There was a small grassfire at Red Rocks and Mt. Herman. The district assisted with a house fire in Palmer Lake. The district met with Black Hills Energy to “debrief” over the incident involving over 100 gas leak emergency calls. Both Chief Coyle and Chief Bradley attended the National Fire Academy for training. In July the crews participated in 690 training hours. Emergency call volumes is trending higher this year than last year. The Type 6 chassis was delivered to Idaho to be built.

- XI. **Executive Session** – Motion to enter Executive Session by Kelly with a second from Gunderman. Motion passed 6-0, 7:18pm. Other than the Board of Directors, Chief Kovacs, DV Bradley and DV Bumgarner were part of the discussion.

- i. *Executive session pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e) to develop a negotiation strategy and instruct negotiators on possible lease purchase for real property.*

The Board of Directors returned to the open meeting at 8:12 pm.

### XII. Future Agenda Items

- i. New petition for inclusion
- ii. First draft review of the 2025 budget
- iii. Public Hearing for Request for exclusion from the District – Rick Bloom, property owner pending receipt of court documents filed by Black Forest Fire.  
RE: Parcel 510000420  
17815 Thompson Road  
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### XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Gunderman with a second from Buckingham. Motion passed, 6-0, 8:17 pm.