

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
ELBERT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
January 29, 2015

The special meeting of the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on January 29, 2015, at Elbert Fire Station No. 1, 24310 Main Street, Elbert, Colorado, at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Directors in attendance were:

Lee Sherman  
Doug Rufenacht  
Ric Poston  
Sean Mulvihill  
John Wood

Also in Attendance:

Mike Harrower, Fire Chief  
Brandon Homer, Deputy Fire Chief  
Carolyn Homer, Administrative Assistant  
Wanda Randall, Community Member

At 7:00pm, the regular meeting of the Elbert Fire Board was called to order.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Director Sherman, and unanimously approved that the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors now go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(3), and (4), Subsection (b), to discuss personnel matters, and that all or a portion of the discussion will constitute privileged communications at 7:00pm.

Unanimously approved that the Elbert Fire Protection District Board of Directors will now come out of Executive Session. No formal action was taken by the Board, including, but not limited to, any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, or regulation or formal action in contravention with C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4). Not further record was kept of this Executive Session at 7:17pm.

Director Sherman announced that the Board has decided that Deputy Chief Homer will become the Chief effective immediately. The Board wants to thank Chief Harrower for stepping into the position in a time of chaos, which was very difficult. The Board acknowledges that this has been a tough year to be Chief, but it is time to move forward. The Board acknowledges that as Chief Mr. Homer has authority to designate whatever officers he feels appropriate, but recommends that he keep Mr. Harrower in a high position, possibly Fire Marshall, in the department. Director Sherman will put together a press release that will be reviewed by both Mr. Harrower and Chief Homer prior to being sent

out. In addition, all of the Directors will attend the member meeting on February 3 at 7pm to tell the members what has been decided. Chief Homer will assure that an announcement is posted letting the public know that the Directors will be briefly attending the meeting to address the members.

Mr. Harrower thanked the Board for the opportunity and all of their assistance during his time as Chief. He acknowledged that it has been a very difficult year and that he feels that he has done the best he could given the circumstances. Mr. Harrower stated that in order for him to become a Fire Marshall he would need to take multiple tests over 2 to 5 years and as such he doesn't feel that he has the capacity to become the 'official' Fire Marshall. Instead, he would like to work with Chief Homer to find a member who could be groomed to become the Fire Marshall, serving as a mentor to that individual. In addition Mr. Harrower wants to continue to move forward with the goals that he established for the year. Director Mulvihill suggested that the department look into having the potential Fire Marshall also become an arson investigator.

Chief Homer stated that he also wanted to thank Mr. Harrower for the work he has done in the last year and wants him to know that they will work together to determine what Mr. Harrower wants to do moving forward. Chief Homer thanked the Board for their support and acknowledgement of the work that he puts in for the department and wants to assure the Board that he is focused on moving the department forward.

Ms. Homer requested that Propane Evaluation be placed on the regular meeting agenda as some new information has come up, the Board agreed. Chief Homer requested that the Board think about and submit to Ms. Homer any questions they wanted included on the Board evaluation discussed at the last regular meeting. Finally, Mr. Harrower requested that the Status of the Department Laptop be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting, the Board agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Chairman Sherman, and unanimously approved, the meeting be adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Recording Secretary to the Board

Approved:

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Reviewed:

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