

BERTHOUD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Station 1, 248 Welch Avenue, Berthoud, CO 80513

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dan Hershman, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Directors present were Vice-President Mike Cook, Secretary Gary Maggi, and Director Dave Shipley. Director Eric Rypkowski was absent.

Others in Attendance: Fire Chief Steve Charles, Battalion Chiefs Andrew Kuiken and Scott Lindschmidt, Ben Archer-Clowes, James Vincent Group, Dino Ross, Ireland Stepleton, and Jill Wilson, Chief of Staff.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice-President Cook to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Shipley. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the September 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Director Shipley to approve the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Secretary Maggi. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION ON SENATE BILL 22-238 AND PROPOSITION HH

Dino Ross, Ireland Stapleton, provided an overview of Senate Bill 22-238. He stated that Proposition HH changed the effects of Senate Bill 238 from 2023 all the way through 2032. He explained that Proposition HH would produce a reduction in value for certain types of residential property in addition to commercial property rates. Other components included a commitment by the State to use excess tabor money to backfill with certain criterion.

He stated that backfill would enable local government to receive money from the State on a calculated formula based on the year that they receive the reduced revenue. In Senate Bill 238 it stated the local government would receive a backfill for the revenue that was lost. Under Proposition HH, the population of the counties would determine backfill. He explained the backfill rules further, and the percentage that could be received.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Archer-Clowes provided an overview of the September financial report.

Motion by Secretary Maggi to approve the September financial report, seconded by Vice-President Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION

2024 Preliminary Budget Presentation by Ben Archer-Clowes, James Vincent Group

Chief Charles mentioned that the District had received projected revenues from Larimer & Weld Counties if Proposition HH would pass.

Mr. Archer-Clowes noted that with that information, the District was seeing an increase in assessed value regardless. He stated that the preliminary budget was drafted for both scenarios if Proposition HH passed or did not pass.

He noted that the draft budget would be sent out to the Board following the meeting.

IX. COMMAND STAFF REPORTS

JILL WILSON, CHIEF OF STAFF

Item 1: Adams Bank & Trust Line of Credit Renewal & Statement of Authority

Ms. Wilson noted that the line of credit was up for renewal again, and Board approval was needed to renew.

Motion by Secretary Maggi to approve the Adams Bank & Trust Line of Credit renewal, seconded by Director Shipley. The motion carried unanimously.

STEPHEN CHARLES, FIRE CHIEF

Item 1: Title 1927 GMC Fire Truck Transfer from the Town of Berthoud to the Berthoud Fire Protection District

Chief Charles noted that the Board of Trustees approved transferring the title over to the District.

Item 2: Berthoud Downtown Business Association

Chief Charles provided an overview of the Association, which was a formation of an authority in the business district of Berthoud. If formed, an incremental value for the property within the association area, if developed, would go to the authority but the District could not collect that increase. The District would need to obtain an agreement with the authority for the District to collect.

X. BOARD OF DIRECTOR ACTIONS

Item 1: Approval of Adams Bank Line of Credit Renewal

Motion by Secretary Maggi to approve the Adams Bank & Trust Line of Credit renewal, seconded by Director Shipley. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMUNICATION/OPEN DISCUSSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Dan Hershman, made a motion to adjourn at 3:21 pm. Motion by Vice-President Cook, seconded by Secretary Maggi. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dan Hershman
President

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Mike Cook
Vice-President

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Gary Maqqi
Secretary

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Dave Shipley
Director