

# Battle Creek Fire Protection District

## Minutes for Meeting June 20, 2024

There being a quorum, the meeting of Battle Creek Fire Protection District was called to order on June 20, 2024 at 6:31 PM by Vice President Leo Van Sambeek in the Hayward Fire Hall with directors, Ray Summers, Levi Van Sambeek, Jack Bradt and Casey McNulty present; additionally, Fire Administrator Garrett Dixon also in attendance.

Secretary Report: All members having received the February 2, 2024 meeting minutes in advance to the meeting a ***motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes*** was made by Levi V. and seconded by Casey M., the motion passed. There being no discussion nor amendment to the minutes a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jack B. and seconded by Levi V. to ***approve the minutes to the February 2, 2024 meeting***, the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Levi V. provided a report on financial status of the district and fire department based on the June 19, 2024 on-line bank balances. Levi explained that funds transfer authorization during May did failed, however the FD was not adversely impacted by the missed transfer. A discussion regarding CD maturation dates interest rates resulted in a motion Ray S. and seconded by Casey M. ***to authorize Levi V. to 'shop' potential options from other institutions for better investment terms the district CDs***, the motion passed. A motion to ***accept the financial report was made*** by Ray S. and seconded by Jack B., the motion passed.

### Old Business:

- As required John E. submitted a list of the new officers to the County Auditors Office.

### New Business:

- Leo V. opened a discussion regarding guidance from the board on the Fire Department's 2025 budget submission. Following discussion, the focus of the budget should be in three areas: fuel increase due to inflation and employee retention considerations with a 3% wage increase which would likely result in an "opt-out", identify future capital investment needs capped at a maximum of 0.6 mil., and status quo budget.

### Fire Chief/Administrator Report:

#### Administrator Dixon:

- Garrett D. announce that the Custer Co. Fire board has awarded Title III funds of which the BC Fire District will receive \$33,000 for PPE including helmets, boots and Infra-red camera equipment.
- A total of 124 calls during since the last meeting.
- Planning a Raffle to raise funds for a LUCAS device (cardiopulmonary assist system) with a goal of \$28,000. Tickets will be \$20 each and will be available when raffle approved by Pennington and Custer County.
- Department has conducted Community Outreach sessions with Hermosa Schools and other events. They have received very positive feedback.

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- Custer County West District information sessions will be held on July 8 & 29, Aug 19, Sept 9 & 30 and Oct 28 in advance of a vote.
- Department will complete annual hose and pump testing by the end of July.
- The Hayward Station sign will be installed on July 20.
- Two full-time positions remain unfilled, recruiting efforts continue.

The next BCFD meeting will be the regular meeting and is scheduled for September 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Hayward Station.

There being no additional items of discussion a motion ***to Adjourn*** made by Ray S. seconded by Jack B., motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Summers, Secretary