

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Bluffton Fire District Headquarters
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Rick Krob, Bill Rickett, Paul Hamilton, Drew Bedingfield, Dana Marsh, Natalie Majorkiewicz, Joe Paolo

Absent:

Members Present: Derek Church, Adam Corn, Dan Wiltse, Steve McKinley, Stephen Combs, Tracy Walling

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:00, pm by Chairman Krob.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Chairman Krob moved to accept the agenda. Director Marsh motioned, and Director Rickett seconded to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. (YEAS – Krob, Marsh, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

Chairman Krob moved to amend the agenda to add new business of the FY26 Proposed Budget that was presented in the Budget Workshop. Director Rickett motioned, and Director Paolo seconded that the consent agenda be accepted. Motion passed. (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS: Chairman Krob would like to thank FF Stone, Augner, Branath, Morgan, Lange, Wallett, Marion and Henne who deployed to Horry County for the wildfires. Chairman Krob would also like to recognize Joel Martin who stood in for SCHAT for the wildfires in Table Rock.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

- FF Vasont Miller promoted to Lieutenant
- FF Peyton Bullock promoted to FF II

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Director Rickett motioned, and Director Marsh seconded the minutes of March 25, 2025, Board of Directors meeting be approved. Motion passed. (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

Approved by the Fire Board 5/20/2025

APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES: Director Hamilton motioned, and Director Majorkiewicz seconded the minutes of April 8, 2025, Board of Directors meeting be approved. Motion passed. (YEAS – Krob, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (ABSTAIN- Rickett) (NAYS – None)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Church reviewed the Finance Report for the month of March 2025. We are through 75.0% of the 2025 fiscal year budget, and the total expenditures year to date is at 74.02%. The revenue requested year to date from the county was \$17,505,285, which is 74.15% of our \$23,606,911 budget. The current fire impact fee balance is \$1,255,809 (\$71,634 Increase).

Director Bedingfield motioned, and Director Marsh seconded that the March 2025 Financial Report be approved as submitted. Motion passed (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- **Receipt of Training Update**
- **Receipt of Maintenance Update**
- **Receipt of Fire Prevention Update**

Director Majorkiewicz motioned, and Director Hamilton seconded that the consent agenda be accepted. Motion passed. (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Receipt of Operations Update:** Chief Corn reviewed the Operations Report for March. The overall call volume was 1,006 calls. The response time report and the response time heat map show a longer response time to calls in the areas covered by Station 34 and between Station 30 and Station 35 as they require a longer distance and time to get on scene. Stations 30, 34, 35 and 38 remain the busiest stations.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Accreditation Update:** Peer review team is scheduled to be on site the week of May 4, 2025.
- **Strategic Plan Implementation Progress:** No new update.
- **Fire Station 39/Sun City Property Acquisition:** Through meetings including Bluffton Fire District, Beaufort County, Cort Atkins, Fraser Construction, and Ward Edwards Engineering, a general floor plan has been approved. The process of obtaining all necessary permitting has begun.

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- ***American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):*** No new updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ***FY26 Budget Proposal:*** The FY26 budget was presented at the Budget Workshop on April 8, 2025. The proposed budget for FY26 budget of \$26,913,566.

Director Paolo motioned, and Director Rickett seconded that the FY26 budget be approved as presented. Motion passed. (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of personnel matters with the Board. No actions were taken during the executive session.

Director Krob moved to enter Executive Session. Director Marsh seconded. The motion was passed, and the Executive Session began at 4:32 pm. (YEAS – Paolo, Marsh, Krob, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Bedingfield, Hamilton) (NAYS – None)

Director Marsh moved to end the Executive Session. Director Rickett seconded. The motion was passed, and the Executive Session ended at 6:29 pm. (YEAS – Paolo, Marsh, Krob, Rickett, Majorkiewicz, Bedingfield, Hamilton) (NAYS – None)

ADJOURNMENT: Director Majorkiewicz motioned, and Director Marsh seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. (YEAS – Krob, Rickett, Hamilton, Bedingfield, Marsh, Majorkiewicz, Paolo) (NAYS – None)

Respectfully Submitted,
Hailey Smith
4/15/2025

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