Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District



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Regular Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 9, 2024

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District's (District) Volunteer Pension Fund convened on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Station 5 and via teleconference.

President Pete Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present and Constituting a Quorum of the Board of Trustees:
Pete Ambrose
Mark Kell via videoconference
Wayne Miller
Arlan Kluth via videoconference
Terry O'Neill
Don Reyes
Mike Palmer via teleconference

Staff Present:

Chief Trent Smith

Others Present:

Attorney Dylan Woods, Coaty Woods, P.C. via videoconference Joan Beans and Ashly Dorey, Community Resource Services, via videoconference

Review and Approval of Minutes: Following review, Trustee Miller moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Reves, the motion carried.

Agenda:

Trustee Reyes suggested a discussion regarding a cost-of-living adjustment during financial items. The Board approved the agenda as amended.

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest:

There were no potential conflicts to disclose by Board members present other than what has already been disclosed.

Citizens' Comments:

There were none.

Chief Report:

• Chief Smith reported that the volunteer roster is at nine personnel, with an additional 3 retirees. There have been a few applications that have come in, the individuals have passed a background check.

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- He reported the DFC distribution grant has been denied.
- Chief Smith reported that the last two fires, the 56 Fire and the 821 Fire, had a good turnout from both staff and volunteers.

Financial Matters:

a. **Volunteer FPPA Allocation Report:** The allocation report for the period ending June 30, 2024 was distributed and reviewed. Trustee Miller reported that all looks well regarding financials. The Board discussed a modest increase in benefits in relation to an increased cost of living. It was noted that there had been one previous adjustment a few years ago. The Board determined to propose the following increases: 2.5%, 3% and 3.5%. Trustee Reyes will get with Joan to see what's needed to move forward. It was noted that all paperwork will need to be signed by volunteers, certifying what was done in 2024, in early January before proceeding with the actuary study. Following discussion, the Board approved the allocation report as presented.

Legal Matters:

a. Nothing new to report.

Other Business:

a. **Election of Trustee:** Gene Nagle's Board position expired on September 30, 2024. Mike Palmer has been elected to take his place on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Reyes reported that he sent out a letter to all pension members asking for their input and suggestions for new Board members. He received some good feedback and plans to send out thank you letters to those who responded.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Ambrose moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Trustee O'Neill, the motion carried, and Trustee Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned member of the Board of Trustees for the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District certifies that the October 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes are the official minutes duly entered by the Board at its regular public meeting held on January 8, 2024.

/s/ Pete Ambrose	
Pete Ambrose. President	