

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### Special Meeting

April 16, 2025

Chairman Hall called the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake City Area Fire Protection District to order at 6:02 p.m. in the fire station. Those Directors present were: Crystal Brown, Brent Boyce, and Evan Milski.

Director Cavit was absent.

Also present were Bill Hagendorf, Manager; Michelle Pierce, Secretary; Katherine Heidt, Hinsdale County EMS Director; Brad Jones, Hinsdale County Paramedic; Dave Roberts, Lake City Mayor; Chris Dickey, Silver World Newspaper; Gene Polenske, and firefighters Mike Carson, Greg Levine, Joe Schultheis, Justin Thompson, and Patrick Tubbs.

#### PLANNING DISCUSSION – Strategy for Sustaining Existing Operations

Secretary Pierce stated that she spent most of the day with Manager Hagendorf reviewing several administrative tasks to be assumed by her position including grant management/reporting and inputs into the FirePrograms software program in addition to several other items. She noted the long list of other tasks that Manager Hagendorf had written on the whiteboard that also need to be addressed which mostly center around volunteer training; inspection, maintenance, and repair of equipment; and maintenance of the fire station.

There was much discussion regarding the possibility of employing one of the firefighters to perform this part time work with the idea of affiliating with FPPA's 457B plan to allow as much as \$23,500 per year to be contributed to this tax-deferred plan. There was also discussion regarding what the next steps might be if none of the firefighters were interested in the job. The Directors did agree that the District would need to convert to payroll in any case.

After further discussion among the Directors and volunteer firefighters, Manager Hagendorf agreed to develop a draft job description for the part-time position and to prepare a maintenance schedule for the equipment which will be forwarded to the officers of the department. The officers agreed to discuss the matter further among themselves prior to the April 29<sup>th</sup> regular meeting so it can be discussed further at that time.

#### ELECTIONS – Discuss November Sales Tax Election

Director Milski moved, Director Boyce seconded to ask the voters to allow the District to impose a 1.25% sales tax on all taxable sales that occur within the District's jurisdiction at the November 2025 election. The motion passed with all voting yes in a general vote.

It was noted that a 1.25% sales tax would likely produce additional revenues of about \$375,000 per year.

There was some discussion regarding ideas to promote the ballot question which included presenting information to local groups, publishing a fact sheet in the Silver World newspaper, mailing the fact sheet to all eligible voters, etc. Manager Hagendorf agreed to put together a one-page fact sheet and Secretary Pierce stated that she would obtain a voter registration list. The Directors agreed to consider the matter further during the April 29, 2025 regular meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Brown moved, Director Milski seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 7:26 p.m., but to meet again at the regular meeting on April 29, 2025. The motion passed with all voting yes in a general vote.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Secretary