

UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE AREA
Meeting Minutes
9:55 a.m.

PRESENT:

SLCo Surveyor Reid Demman
Mayor Robert Hale
Mayor Kelly Bush-Left 10:52
Mayor Kristie Overson
Councilmember Eric Ferguson

Councilmember Sheldon Stewart
Councilmember Richard Snelgrove-Left 10:00
Councilmember Gary Bowen
Councilmember Nicole Martin-Left 11:00
Councilmember Allan Perry

ABSENT:

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Councilmember Kathleen Bailey

Mayor Tom Westmoreland

ALSO PRESENT:

Assistant Chief Mike Watson
Assistant Chief Stephen Higgs
Battalion Chief Riley Pilgrim
Brett Wood – Herriman City Manager
Beth Todd-VECC
Brad Larson, UFA Fire Marshal
Carolyn Keigl – BCC CC
Captain Darren Park
Chief Dan Petersen
Cyndee Young, UFSA Clerk
Division Chief Wade Watkins
Division Chief Dom Burchett
Division Chief Matt Rhoades
Division Chief Bryan Case
Division Chief Zach Robinson
Jarín Blackham, UFA IT Director

Japheth McGee – Zions Bank
John Geilman – Millcreek City Manager
Jonathan Ward – Zions Bank
Kate Turnbaugh, UFA Assistant Finance Director
Keith Zuspan – BCC
Micayla Dinkel, WL Administrative Assistant
Michelle Roper, UFSA Deputy Clerk
Steve Quinn – IAFF President
Talsan Schulzke, UFA Strategic Data Specialist
UFA CLO Brian Roberts
UFA DOC Nile Easton
UFSA CFO Tony Hill
UFSA District Administrator Ifo Pili
UFSA Legal Counsel Rachel Anderson

Vice Chair Eric Ferguson Presided

Called to Order

Vice Chair Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Quorum present.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 UFSA Board Meeting as submitted.

Surveyor Demman seconded the motion.

All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Board Elections

Councilmember Stewart moved to reelect Mayor Silvestrini as Chair and Councilmember Ferguson as Vice Chair of the UFSA Board.

Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Administer Oath of Office for all Board Members

All Board Members in attendance have previously received the oath, so this was not executed.

Resolution 1-2019A to Appoint UFSA Clerk and Deputy Clerk

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Resolution 1-2019A to appoint the new UFSA Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Overson seconded the motion.

All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Facilities Committee

A meeting was held 1/8/19 wherein another presentation by Zions Bank regarding bond options was presented.

A discussion was had regarding the disbanding of the Facilities Committee and engaging a Facilities Liaison instead. Councilmember Perry is willing to continue as Liaison.

Chief Petersen stated that if necessary, further study sessions may take place, but this simplifies the process now that the majority of research work has been completed.

Mayor Bush moved to disband the Facilities Committee and engage a Facilities Liaison and recommends Councilmember Perry be appointed as such.

Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Zions Bank – Jonathan Ward/Japheth McGee

Presented General Obligation and Lease Revenue Bond options.

It is important to note that the new Bond Attorney is confident that if members withdraw, both bonds require the funding commitment be honored. Counsel Anderson feels this advice is correct, but is continuing to research this claim.

Consideration of Funding For Stations

Discussion was had regarding going to vote for a GO Bond vs the Lease Revenue Bond option. The concern is the fact that there is minimal time to correctly pursue the GO Bond.

Chief Petersen feels that if Station 112 is rebuilt and one seismic repair is made, it would not only provide staff with experience, but would be valuable in showing public we are using and will use their money wisely. Then pursue the GO Bond in 2020 and roll the Lease Revenue Bond into it, allowing time for UFA to refine the process.

Good numbers should be available April/May as to what seismic and station costs may be. Build Station 112 and complete the seismic with a Lease Revenue Bond.

Chief Petersen will bring more information regarding costs for Station 112 and seismic to the Board next month.

Discussion continued regarding the option to tie the previous debt for stations already built into the GO Bond, the public may approve the GO Bond since all areas within the valley have or will benefit. This would result in a huge bond if old liability was added. Also discussed was the messaging opportunity to show the public that the Board supports each other, is responsible, and works together. Explain the value of being unified.

2018 and 2019 State of Utah Wildland Participation Match Agreements

The 2018 WL Participation Match Agreement had not been signed due to the State not knowing how to calculate the UFSA's participation. Have worked with them to make sure this was done correctly, they have been good partners.

A map of high risk areas was distributed showing our liability. UFSA can anticipate \$150,000-160,000 yearly in WL Match Agreements.

This is an agreement with State Forestry Lands, in exchange for our participation in risk reduction, they pay for anything beyond the initial attack. They also provide aviation costs, which results in a significant savings. Our responsibility is training, prevention, mitigation, etc.

Chief Petersen prefers Counsel Anderson bring these agreements before the Board annually so they can inform their cities/townships as to what they are getting.

Councilmember Perry moved to authorize either the District Administrator or the Board Chair to execute the 2018 and 2019 Wildland Participation Match Agreements.

Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Quarterly Financial Report

This is the first look at the 2018 year end, won't have final numbers until March for property tax, impact fees had a good year, all lines came in under budget.

Mayor Hale moved to approve the quarterly financial report including the list of expenditures for the last quarter as presented.
Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion.
All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Closed Session

None

Motion to Adjourn

Surveyor Demman moved to adjourn the January 15, 2019 UFSA Board Meeting.
Councilmember Perry seconded the motion.
All Board members voted in favor of the motion.