



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

May 3, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Adams County Fire Protection District was held via zoom meeting commencing at 6:15 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Sam Gillan	Vice President
Craig Machuga	Secretary
Debra Bullock	Director
Ernie Anderson	Treasurer

Also, Present:

Kevin Vincel	Fire Chief
Bobby Noel	Deputy Chief of Operations
Ken Koger	Chief of Support
Sandy Danne	Administrative Assistant
Kevin Kellar	Information Technologies

Absent: Alex Fairfield. Director Bullock made a motion to excuse President Alex Fairfield. Secretary Machuga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Guests:

Trey Zima, Andrew Reifman, Melissa Rossback, Maria Carabajal, Capt. Andrew Fairband, Melissa Wartman, President of Local 5124 Augdon Greening, VP of Local 5124 Jamin Hutchcraft, BC Roberts, Lieutenant Bendinelli, Roger Jaap and Station 26.

Public Comment:

Local 5124 President Greening thanked Chief Staff and the Line personnel for all their work and assistance with the changing of ambulance services. He voiced his concern regarding Northglenn Ambulance leaving the district early. He wanted to reiterate the change for ambulance services came from a history with NGA not providing adequate service. He also stated that the Chief and Chief Staff was not solely responsible for the ambulance service change. Local 5124 Greening said it was the firefighters, L5124, and Command Officers brought this to issue to the Chief Staff and wanted change. He was very thankful the Chief Staff investigated and decided to move forward with better services.



Capt. Fairband thanked the Board of Directors and Chief Staff for all their work on the ambulance situation. He voiced his concern for himself and his family that lives in the district, especially his father who has health issues. He was very concerned about Northglenn Ambulance dropping down to two ambulances in the district.

Lt. Bendinelli thanked the Board of Directors and Chief staff for looking for other ambulance options and was thankful for looking into a change of service.

Call out was made for any other public comments by Director Gillan, and there were no others.

Board Action Items:

- a) Secretary Machuga made a motion to ratify the Board directive to legal counsel to send letter of breach of contract to NGA. Treasurer Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.
- b) Secretary Machuga made a motion to ratify the Board directive to Chief staff to send letter of termination of Maintenance Service Agreement with Northglenn Ambulance. Director Bullock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

Discussion regarding continuity of ambulance coverage for the district:

Chief Vincel gave an update on the ambulance timeline. Chief Vincel explained how the idea for ALS and Paramedics on apparatus came mid-last year, with approved planning into for the 2022 budget. The ultimate goal is to have ALS Apparatus by the end of 2022. Chief Vincel explained why they were placing ALS on Fire Apparatus and the gist of it was to improve EMS services for the citizens.

Chief Vincel explained he started addressing response issues regarding NGA back in 2020, as concerns were brought to his attention from the line staff. Chief Vincel emphasized once the organization realized there was an issue they started to plan, budget, and develop methodologies to improve better EMS services within the district. This included Fire Apparatus responding to all EMS calls and eventually getting the apparatus outfitted with ALS, looking into other ambulance response options, and ultimately other PAC's.

Chief Vincel thanked the North Area Fire Departments for stepping up to help with ambulance coverage once NGA services started to diminish. This included when NGA dropped to two (2) ambulances for SACFD on April 30, 2022.



Chief Vincel explained with Cad to Cad up and running the first part of April, it pulls the closest unit in, which has helped a lot. However, with NGA dropping services it impacts the neighboring jurisdictions due to pulling their ambulances into SACFD for coverages.

Chief Vincel wanted to reassure the citizens of SACFD that Chief Staff and Operations has made sure to provide adequate EMS coverages no matter what the situations and or rumors that are out there. Some of the things that were put in place to help mitigate the ambulance response issues were AMR and Apex were brought into the district to assist with EMS calls, a plan was put in place so the fire crews are responding to all EMS calls and starting up a Paramedic Unit that will be responding with an ALS equipment and certified SACFD Paramedics to start patient care and help with response as well. This was all put in place to be sure when the citizens call 911 for whatever reason someone will be there quickly and can start patient care. These systems were also implemented to help the gap from the diminished services which started on April 30th, 2022, until Platte Valley can have four (4) ambulances in the district by mid-July.

Board of Directors Comments:

Director Bullock thanked Chief Vincel for the timeline and explanation of events he gave on the ambulance situation. She also thanked the Chief and staff for all the work that has been put into the ambulance coverage.

Director Bullock also thanked the individuals who came forward with public comment. She said she liked hearing what they had to say and said she wants to see and hear from them more.

Secretary Machuga thanked everyone for their work on correcting the ambulance situation.

Treasurer Anderson said Kudos to SACFD for moving forward. To the line and the Union for ideas.

He wanted to thank APEX and AMR for coming forward and working with SACFD as an option.

Vice President Gillan wanted to thank the public comments and for being professional. Public comments are always welcome. Gillan said a shout out to Chief Staff and kudos to everyone on the line and wanted to commend chief staff for coming up with solutions. He said he's very proud and impressed with this organization.

Vice President Gillan said the citizens safety is always the priority. And said he wants the public and citizens of the district to know there has not been a drop in services and service has not decreased.



Director Bullock made a motion to have a press release put out regarding ambulance coverage. Vice president Gillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11

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Sam Gillan,
Board Vice President 05/17/2022

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Craig Machuga
Board Secretary 05/17/2022