

Spofford Fire District Annual Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2024

The annual meeting of the Spofford Fire District was called to order by Moderator Michael Bentley at 7:00 pm at the Spofford Fire Station on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. There were 16 people in attendance.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Evan James Deutsch moved to nominate Michael Bentley as Moderator for the ensuing year; seconded by Tom Dwyer. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Evan James Deutsch moved to nominate Jay Gaudry as Clerk for the ensuing year; seconded by David Orr. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 3: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Rob Hodgkins moved to nominate Tammy Bischof as Treasurer for the ensuing year; seconded by Tom Dwyer. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 4: To choose a Commissioner for three years: 2024, 2025, 2026

Evan James Deutsch moved to nominate John Forester as Commissioner for three years; seconded by Joey Babcock. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$311,300 for General Government:

Propane	\$ 7,000
Telephone	\$ 5,000
Electricity	\$ 9,000
Insurance	\$20,000
Worker's Compensation	\$ 2,700
Contracted Expenses	\$ 4,000
Administrative Expenses	\$ 5,500
Rescue Supplies	\$ 4,000
Gas & Diesel Fuel	\$ 6,000
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$12,000
Small Equipment Repair	\$ 3,500
Building: Maintenance and Upgrade	\$12,000
Training & Dues	\$ 4,000
Stipends & other related expenses	\$45,000
Small Equipment	\$ 8,000
Firefighters Physicals / Inoculations	\$ 1,000
NFPA Testing	\$ 5,000
Fire Prevention Program	\$ 100
Financial Audit	\$ 2,500
Bond Interest	\$12,000
Bond Principal	\$75,000

Mutual Aid Payment	\$31,000
Uniforms & PPE	\$ 7,000
Heavy Equipment Lease	\$30,000
Total	\$311,300

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Commissioners in the amount of \$317,300; with Propane in the amount of \$9,000; and Mutual Aid Payment in the amount of \$35,000)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$311,300)

Mike Fuller moved to approve Article 5 as read; seconded by David Orr.

Evan James Deutsch moved to amend Article 5 with Propane in the amount of \$9,000; and Mutual Aid Payment in the amount of \$35,000 and change the corresponding total amount to \$317,300; seconded by Tom Dwyer. Vote taken on Article 5 amendment to increase the amount to \$317,300 with the adjustments to Propane and Mutual Aid Payment; all in favor to amend Article 5 to \$317,300. There being no further discussion it was voted to approve Article 5 as amended.

Moderator Michael Bentley declared the adoption of Article 5 as amended with the adjustments to Propane in the amount of \$9,000; and Mutual Aid Payment in the amount of \$35,000 for a new Article 5 total amount of \$317,300.

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to be added to the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Commissioners in the amount of \$90,000)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$75,000)

Mike Fuller moved to adopt Article 6 in the amount of \$90,000 as read; seconded by David Orr.

There being no further discussion it was voted to adopt Article 6 in the amount of \$90,000 as read. Moderator Michael Bentley declared the adoption of Article 6 as read to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to be added to the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,000 to be added to the Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Commissioners)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Tom Dwyer moved to approve Article 7 as read; seconded by Evan James Deutsch. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Spofford Water Hole Expendable Trust previously established.

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Commissioners)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Mike Fuller moved to approve Article 8 as read; seconded by David Orr. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to be added to the Catastrophic Emergency Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Commissioners in the amount of \$24,000)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$10,000)

Mike Fuller moved to approve Article 9 as read; seconded by David Orr. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be Added to the Spofford Fire Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Commissioners)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Evan James Deutsch moved to approve Article 10 as read; seconded by David Orr. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 11: To see if the District will authorize the Commissioners to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,743 for the final six months' payments of the Zoll Defibrillator as previously approved.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Commissioners)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

David Orr moved to approve Article 11 as read; seconded by Tom Dwyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000 to be added to the Personal Protective Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Commissioners in the amount of \$19,000)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$16,000)

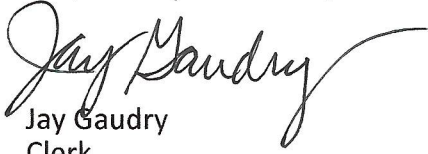
Evan James Deutsch moved to approve Article 12 as read; seconded by David Orr. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Tom Dwyer moved to adjourn; seconded by Joey Babcock.

Moderator Michael Bentley adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jay Gaudry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jay Gaudry
Clerk