

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting
May 24th, 2017

Board members present: Frank Dominguez, Mark Pappas, Peggy Woods, Steve Loo, Richard Kramer.

Staff present: Todd Holzwarth, Steve Waldorf, Dennis Soles, Adam Gosey, Jed Henry, Kristen Rybij.

Frank called the meeting to order at 18:25 pm.

Frank asks if there is any public comment. There is no public.

Frank provides an addition to the night's agenda regarding affordable housing for First Responders in Grand County.

The April minutes were discussed with no changes noted.

- ❖ Mark moved to approve the March minutes as written. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Impact Fees were showing in our general fund, it was a small placement error and is fixed. It is noted that our legal fees are almost at our budget limit; this is due to the YMCA tax return. Kristen discusses the changes made to the cash flow sheet in order to correct the interest line items. We will be getting a 50% reimbursement for our annual hose testing thanks to the CSD Pool Safety Grant.

- ❖ Steve moved to approve the bills. Peggy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

YMCA Update: The proposed June workshop is on hold until there is more information from the BOCC regarding the interest refund negotiation. The YMCA workshop minutes were discussed. Some corrections were made to the rough calculations detailing the financial burden to the public if we do an abatement. In order to tighten up our calculations we need the current assessment rate.

Gallagher / TABOR Update: The RAR is now 7.2% and even if the AV did not go up we would have still have taken a hit in tax revenues, it is now just a little less.

Chief's Report: Hose testing went well with only a few failures as was expected due to age. The audit has happened with minimal requests and little trouble. We are still working on getting water to the north end of 40 in Tabernash to protect the Tech Center. The water can be used for fire protection purposes with no legal impediments but it could be a long time before any water can be used for domestic purposes. Calls have been quiet with a small 1 ½ acre wildfire we assisted Grand Fire with.

Fire Prevention Report: It is exceptionally busy! Dennis's calendar is booked with inspections and meetings. Contractors that normally do 1-2 houses a year are building 10. Dennis discusses the plan to number roads and properties with a consistent system to help aid First Responders.

Training Coordinator Report: The new recruit class will be starting in June. Training is abundant with 3 members who attended the FDIC Conference, one being a 3 month probie! 3 members were sent to AutoX in Arvada. There is also a large countywide auto extrication training planned for August. We have been getting a lot of cars in lately and cannot wait to tear them apart. Jed and Steve were rated by their students after the Fire One Academy and got 1st and 2nd place. Many students asked Jed how they could be a part of our department they liked what we were doing so much. It is great to know what we are doing right and exciting to make it even better.

Frank asks if there is any public comment. There is no comment at this time

Board Business / Action Items:

Mark will be going to the SDA training in June in Granby with Kristen.

Frank speaks about our housing crisis here in Grand County. The idea is to build affordable housing for first responders on land deeded to us by the YMCA next to the Red Dirt Station. Frank believes if all districts band together we could request a grant for such housing. The Red Dirt Station was a joint effort and it is doing wonderfully with little to no financial impact to the Districts. The stipulation would be that this housing would only be for first responders and rent would be collected. This would lessen the housing burden for those who protect our community while bringing the community together while working on this project. This is just in the idea phase.

- ❖ Rick moves to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:42 pm.

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Margaret Woods

Mark Pappas

Steve Loo