

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 24th, 2018

Board Directors Present: President Frank Dominguez, Vice President Mark Pappas, Treasurer Steve Loo, Secretary Richard Kramer, Director Garth Hein (telephonically).

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Office Manager Kristen Rybij, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Fire Technician Adam Gosey.

Public Present: Brad Holzwarth.

Director Frank Dominguez opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:06 pm. There was a quorum of Directors present.

Frank asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none. Frank asked if there was any public comment. There was no comment.

The September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes were reviewed with no changes noted.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve the September minutes as written. Director Mark Pappas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Todd explained the work we are doing to add subcategories to our budget. Mark asked if we had paid Sunset Ridge Homeowner's Association the \$20K for the new hydrant project. Todd explained that the project was on hold until the spring as the contractor did not want to risk any winter damage to the new equipment.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve the bills. Director Rick Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Todd discussed the budget and highlighted a few line items that needed further input from the Board. Todd pointed out the Volunteer Incentive line item and asked whether the Board thought it should be increased to accommodate a larger number of expected volunteers this year. Garth asked how we came up with the number to begin with. Todd explained that it was an amount that the District was continually comfortable with in order to award the volunteers. Steve Waldorf added that it might not be necessary to increase this line item since it is based on the performance of the volunteers and continues to pertain mostly to a certain core group over the years. Garth added that he was in support of whatever the rest of the Board decided. His main concern is to support the volunteers. A revamping of the budget line items for 2019 was discussed along with what expenses should or should not belong to the capital line items. Mark asked why we are concerned with capital expenses and depreciation if we do not pay taxes. Todd explained that it is a GASB rule we follow. Garth asked about the \$150 K Rural Water Project line item. Todd explained that this has been the budgeted amount since the creation of the line item. In some years we may not use it at all and in other years we may surpass the amount. Todd has no problem changing the current amount but likes to have something budgeted for possible water projects in the future. Steve Loo suggested that Todd categorize the District's expenses before Kristen pays the bills to make sure that they are allocated correctly. This was a practice when Steve worked with Chief Osbaugh. Todd noted that it had not been done like this during his time as Chief. He added that any questions about expense allocation were discussed between him and Kristen. Todd continued with the Chief's Report. He mentioned his brief conversation with Terry Stanford of Rendezvous wanting to put a road in behind the fire station. Todd attended a meeting to discuss this year's Mountain Mutual Aid (MMA) efforts. They were mainly a success. Todd feels that some more work is needed to get all the emergency response managers, Sheriff's departments and dispatches onto the same page with the MMA operations. Concerns he described included instances where a Type Two team would show up and not understand the presence of the other departments called in on MMA. It was confirmed that when we are requested for MMA, we answer to the requesting District, not any other teams. Garth asked if we had a predetermined time we will spend on an MMA request. Todd said it was typically 24 hours, but this is still a gray area. Does the 24 hours start when we leave the station or when we get there? Garth asked what Todd thought it should be. Todd thought the time should start when we roll out unless it is very far away. Garth added that if the requesting agency is not already supplying food and shelter that the responding agency should be prepared to provide for themselves and hopes that this is written into the agreement

somewhere. Todd then passed out a chart mapping our call volume vs. tax revenues from 2002 through 2017. This chart further confirms our need to figure out the best way to work with the revenue decreasing effects of Gallagher.

Fire Prevention Report: Dennis was not there to present his report. Adam took his place. Everyone read through the report and had no questions for Adam.

Training Coordinator Report: Training has been busy this month. There are 21 state certifications that are coming up for renewal. Steve and Jed are busy working on this with the volunteers. The resident program at headquarters is full. There are now two residents at the Red Dirt station. Steve is working on updating our Driver operator program for 2019. This program mirrors the states JPR's. Vehicle maintenance is going well with only one truck and the small vehicles to service before winter. Flu shots are set up for the first District training in November.

Frank asked if there was any public comment. Brad Holzwarth commented on the new developments planned for downtown Winter Park. They will start next year and include housing and a possible round-about at the beginning of town. Frank asked that we as a District make a list of criteria to give to Planning and Zoning for the purpose of helping to make sure the community has a say in what developers are doing.

Board Business: The Board decided on a date for the December meeting. It will be at 9:30 am on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be approving the budget at this meeting. The January workshop is set for Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon. TABOR and Gallagher were again discussed. Todd noted that there are lots of folks doing a revenue stabilization ballot this year but doesn't feel that it really solves the problem. Everyone discussed the many ways we can start to educate our community on this issue. Most folks do not know what Gallagher is. They do not understand the concerning revenue issues we face as TABOR and Gallagher conflict. We need them to fully understand how much our service to the community will be negatively affected if we keep losing revenue and gaining population. Social media is a great tool and Kristen will start using our FaceBook and Twitter platforms as places to educate the community about how TABOR and Gallagher is affecting how well we can continue to provide services to Grand County. Todd reminded everyone that the budget hearing will be in November. He also noted that the Fraser Valley Recreation District might take over the Foundry. If they buy it, then we will lose their portion of commercial revenue as they would become part of a non-tax paying Special District. This would be a great loss to us. Todd detailed the already large portion of the community that we protect who is tax-exempt.

- ❖ Director Rick Kramer moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Director Mark Pappas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:29 pm.

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