

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 27th, 2018

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

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Assistant Chief Dennis Soles, Fire Technician Adam Gosey, Training Officer Steve Waldorf, Office Manager Kristen Rybij.

Legal Counsel Present: Linda Glesne.

Public Present: None.

Director Frank Dominguez opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:17. There was a quorum of Directors present.

Frank asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

Frank asked if the Board of Director Officer positions will remain unchanged. No one wanted to move positions.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to keep the Officer positions as they are. Director Mark Pappas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank asked if there was any public comment. There was no public.

The May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes were reviewed with no changes noted.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas moved to approve the May minutes as written. Director Rick Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Todd explained that the line item for Audit was high because we believe McMahan charged us incorrectly. We are waiting on an answer. He also explained we are over budget on the Dues / Subscriptions line item due to adding the storage unit fee into it. That will be moved to another account. Mark asked what is in the unit and Frank asked if getting rid of it could be a way to save money. Todd explained that the storage unit is currently necessary.

- ❖ Director Rick Kramer moved to approve the bills. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Rick Kramer moved to recess the meeting for the Pension Board Meeting. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors meeting was recessed at 18:27.

Director Frank Dominguez re-opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:32.

Chief's Report: The audit is complete with no issues found. We fulfilled two assignments under the new Mountain Mutual Aid program. Summit and Eagle counties were very happy. It seems to be working well. Todd explained the current stage one fire restrictions going on in the County. Garth asked how they decide to put a fire restriction in place. Todd explained that there are 7 criteria that constitute fire danger. When 4 of the 7 criteria are met, we go into a stage one fire restriction. Garth noted that it would be helpful for the Board to know when we send a rig out of County. Moving forward we will make sure to inform the members of the Board when an apparatus is called away from the County. Todd noted that we will talk about recent Gallagher news with Linda later in the meeting as well as a need for an executive session to be called.

Fire Prevention Report: The YMCA inspections are completed as is most of Winter Park Resort. The Zephyr Mountain Lodge was on schedule with the new elevator installation but there was an oversight as no one applied to the State. They are on hold. Dennis inspected the Jim Creek Siphon fuel storage tank and noted the risks associated with if we had to pull someone out of the pipe. Steve Waldorf added that they will be going over to walk the site at the next Officer's meeting.

Training Coordinator Report: 5 new recruits will be ready to run calls this by this weekend. We had 6 but lost one. Garth asked how. It is explained that she missed too many preliminary trainings. Training this month included venting, stand pipes/highrise kits, salvage, belay, ropes, capstan, live fire, and a visit to the Headwaters Ecological Center to learn how to work with their unique elevators and renewable energy power systems. There is only one residence at headquarters open right now. We have two letters of interest for it. We currently have 30 certified wildland firefighters. That is the most throughout Grand Counties Fire Districts. There will be a review of the Officers next Officers meeting. 481 passed ladder testing but needs to have one rung replaced. Steve Loo thought it was odd we didn't have to replace the whole thing. Todd explained it was normal repair. 475's replacement is moving forward. We will get government pricing. 481's heat exchanger failed, and Front Range Fire has sent us the wrong part four times. This affects the compressed air foam. The rest of 481's operations are fine. We have hired a certified diesel mechanic. He will start work in July.

Frank Dominguez asked if there was any public comment. There was no public.

Board Business / Action Items: The audit Communication Letter is presented to the Board. The CSD Pool Re-payment letter is presented to the Board and signed by Frank. Mark Pappas noted some of the highlights of the SDA regional training and the questions that arose. Linda added to this by discussing what constitutes (or does not constitute) a Board meeting. This led into a discussion about the current Gallagher / TABOR situation. Linda explained some options such as De-Gallagherizing the District or posing a TABOR election question. The question's goal would be to set our tax income at a set rate with the ability to float the mill levy to keep the income stable. The wording of this type of question was discussed. Frank asked when the State was going to do something about all the residential properties operating as nightly rentals. He thinks they should be charged at a higher rate. Linda said this would take a difficult statewide movement to change the way residential property is classified. It is discussed that the assessor can make changes to how properties are classified, for example, Todd's lodge is taxed partly residential and partly commercial since folks stay at the lodge and the family lives there as well. Mark asked why we cannot charge more impact fees. Todd explained that they cannot be used for operations and we would need a very large increase in fees just to cover equipment replacement. Garth asked if we could request payment from EMS for incidents where assist, as well as request payment for extrications and traffic control. These options are discussed. Garth asked what a TABOR election would cost us. Linda replied 20-30 thousand dollars. Steve requests to move on from the topic by asking if we will be holding a TABOR election in November or tabling it for further discussion for a future election. It is tabled for future discussion and it is confirmed that an election will not happen this November. Kristen confirmed the SDA conference registration. Kristen asked if the Board members would like to receive their Board packets electronically. Everyone declined except Steve Loo. Steve Loo asked that we look into pursuing funds from the person who wrecked a guard rail the District paid to have put in. Todd explained that once it is installed, we have no control over it, but he will contact the State and see what he can do about that. Kristen asked permission to correct the impact fee account numbers. The mistake made in March carried over to May.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas made a motion to move into executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. Notes: 1) Mere presence of the attorney is not sufficient; 2) State topic of the legal question in as much detail as possible without disclosing confidential information. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting moved to executive session at 20:08.

The Board returned from executive session at 21:00 p.m.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 21:00 p.m.

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Frank Dominguez

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Rick Kramer

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Garth Hein

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Mark Pappas

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Steve Loo