

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
July 25th, 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, Assistant Chief Dennis Soles, Fire Technician Adam Gosey, Training Officer Steve Waldorf, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Office Manager Kristen Rybij.

Public Present: None.

Director Frank Dominguez opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:03 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present.

Frank asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Kristen added that she would like to present the new policy manual for the District's Peer Support Team during Board business.

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

The June 27th minutes were reviewed with no changes noted.

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

Discussion of Financials: Todd noted that the Office Expense line item was high. Kristen explained that that line item included the District's new computers installed this spring. The line item for our annual pension contribution of \$60,000 is not showing on the financials. The payment has been made and Kristen is working with Marsha to fix this glitch. Taxes are almost all in for the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Chief's Report: The audit was accepted by the State auditor. Brian Dolan has stepped in to fill the vacant Pension Trustee position and will be sworn in at the September Pension Board meeting. Garth asked how long Brian had served on East Grand Fire and when he retired. This information will be confirmed and given to Garth. Todd gave the Gallagher / TABOR update. The Colorado State Legislature established an Interim Committee for Gallagher Questions. They plan on 4 meetings to be held this year. The first was July 18th in Glenwood Springs. The Colorado State Fire Chiefs were there to provide input, but the meeting was mostly centered around Colorado Mountain College and what they plan to do regarding their tax issues. Todd was happy to report that the Mountain Mutual Aid (MMA) program was activated several times this last month. The District sent engine 483 to Basalt for the Lake Christine Fire. We also sent engine 472 and tender 465 to the Grand Lake Golf Course Fire. We were called in; then quickly stood down for the Red Canyon Fire near Wolcott. Garth asked how these calls were dispatched. Todd explained (in regards for the fire near Vail) that the call would have gone to the Vail Dispatch Center, then given to a Regional Coordinator (most likely the Vail area Chief). Within the MMA program the particular method of dispatching a fire is unique to each District and the rules are set forth individually by District. Grand County is currently set up to have a Mutual Aid call come into our local Dispatch directly. Dispatch should then contact on-duty Officers in the County so they may start setting up a response team. Dispatch may also send out a general page, which we are trying to steer away from. The Counties Fire Districts are currently working on setting up a schedule of Officers on duty to simplify the initial page and response. Garth asked if all fire fighters in the county get the page if Dispatch sends out a general page. Steve W. explained that the message goes out via IAR (on-line messaging app for ER response) and that we are currently working with Lieutenant Bauckman to set up a special Officer group on IAR so not everyone is getting the page. Garth asked if we committed to a certain amount of time to have a "rig rolling" once a page comes in. Todd explained that there are two levels of response times, A. Emergent – Within the Hour and B. Non-Emergent -- Delayed. The entity calling for help needs to specify exactly what they need. Grand County has agreed to provide a minimum of two units of any one type as requested. This burden is shared by the whole county. Garth asked if we agreed to a 24 or 48-hour commitment. The commitment is 24 hours unless a request of extension is made or, of course, there is an early release. Todd informed the Board that the District will be rewarded at the SDA Conference for its lead in the Tabernash Water Line

project. Someone will need to speak on the District's behalf at the conference. Garth asked if we could contact the Sky Hi News to feature an article on this award. It is confirmed we will do so. Todd also reminded everyone that next year will be the 50th anniversary of the District and asked everyone to start thinking about special commemorative things we can do to celebrate this milestone. Badging our new 481 with a 50th Year symbol was suggested.

Fire Prevention Report: Dennis is still very busy. This month brought lots of inspections at WP Resort. The Fraser Still is almost done. Dennis worked on large plan reviews for 422 Iron Horse Way and the Cozen's Point Buildings. Sitzmark G & H and Arrow (along Hwy. 40) are coming along. The Blues Fest went well as did the Jazz Fest, which is always a bit more challenging. Frank asked if there was anything we could do to mitigate the parking problems that arise during events at Hideaway Park. He noted that during the Art Affair both sides of the back road were filled with cars making it impossible for a fire truck to fit through. Dennis said he has confirmed with Chief Trainor numerous times that one side of that road needs to remain open. Dennis commented that Fraser / WP Police try to do a good job at controlling the parking for safety. It is confirmed by Dennis that this concern will be revisited with them.

Training Coordinator Report: Trainings included an obstacle course in the maze, relay pumping, Officer personnel business, and a make-up training on the 5th Tuesday for the missed one on July 3rd. NCMed Helicopter will be coming for safety training. Probies are working on finishing their task books. Jed and Steve are in the process of meeting with all of the volunteers who failed to meet the 1st semester requirements. Haz Mat ops is scheduled here at East Grand. Steve mentioned attending the Fire Inspection class here in Grand County. It will focus on the new 2015 ICC codes that were just adopted. Garth asked who would be attending. Officers and probationary Officers will attend. Garth asked if there was a way that volunteers could get training hours credit for helping with inspections. He suggested that they could do preliminary inspections and if there was something awry, they could then call in Dennis. He feels this could help Dennis with his work load and the volunteers with their training hours. Dennis agreed that it would be truly beneficial to the County to have more folks knowledgeable / certified to do fire inspections. Kremmling still relies on the State to do theirs and we cover Grand Lake and Hot Sulphur. 481 and 475 replacements are moving forward. 491 failed aerial testing due to a hydraulic leak and has been repaired and certified. Our new mechanic started on July 20th and is doing a great job. Steve noted the Lake Christine and 4th of July garbage truck fires the District responded to. Garth asked how we deal with bunker gear after a fire. Steve explained that we have an in-house extractor and that everyone will strip down after a fire, pile the gear in the back of the truck and swap it out with their second set of gear. Garth was impressed that the District offered second sets of gear to the crew. Everyone off probation has a second set of gear, used and repaired often times, but still up to standards. Garth asked how we dry the gear. We line dry it. Todd talked about the dangers and liabilities that Waste Management caused by dumping the burning trash onto a busy road within the Meadow Ridge complex. Todd explained that he would like to talk to Waste Management regarding their training policy that states one must dump the trash if on fire wherever it happens. Todd explained that a much safer way to do this would be to compact the fire as much as possible and then wait until we can cool it down and follow the truck to a safe place to dump the load. It has the potential to start a forest and / or structure fire or catch a motorist off guard when dumped in an inappropriate place. Garth commented that all the garbage fires that he has ever been on were managed in this way, just dumped, wherever the truck was. Garth thinks it will be hard to change the way Waste Management deals with fire in the trucks. Todd noted that although the trucks are expensive, the fire is much safer burning in a big metal box than on the ground and would cause minimal damage before help arrived.

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

Board Business / Action Items: Frank noted that he wanted to invite Commissioner Cimino again to our next meeting. He has not been able to make the last two. When Winter Park hires a new town manager, Frank wants to schedule another meeting with the Town Managers (Fraser / WP) and the County Commissioner. Frank would like to continue to address the on-going issues of affordable housing, large residential development, lack of commercial development and short-term rentals and their impacts on the District and community as a whole.

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

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:16 p.m.

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Garth Hein

Mark Pappas

Steve Loo