

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 22nd, 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: Bill Steinmiller – President Sunset Ridge HOA, Mark Schnieder Sunset Ridge Estates Fire Mitigation Committee Member.

Director Frank Dominguez opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:10 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present.

Frank asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Todd added the Sunset Ridge Home Owner's Association (HOA) letter of request for financial assistance. Kristen added the newspaper article for the Tabernash Water Project SDA Award. Garth added discussion regarding a recent CPR call the District went on and our current Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Frank welcomed our guests. It was decided to address their letter of request as first order of business. Their letter was introduced, and Mr. Steinmiller explained that the Sunset Ridge HOA would like to replace the existing unreliable draft hydrant at Sunset Ridge's pond. The current hydrant has no valve to prevent ice plugs from forming in the winter, also there is no screen on the suction pipe to prevent debris from damaging a fire truck's pumping system. A highly functioning pump is also essential because Middle Park Water Conservation District can take up to half the water volume in the pond leaving very little water available in the winter to draw from for a fire. The current pond / hydrant (and only water source) is ~ 1 mile to the start of the subdivisions and then another ~ 1 – 1 ½ miles to the end. Mr. Steinmiller explained that the hydrant project is in conjunction with a bigger picture of improved community fire prevention that includes the installation of a new cistern and developing more egresses out of the community. Sunset Ridge had contemplated pushing the project aside to concentrate on the cistern but feel that the pond / hydrant also greatly served those surrounding Sunset Ridge with little water access. There are over 200 subdivisions in Sunset Ridge and an estimated 100+ in the surrounding areas that would benefit from this project. Steve and Todd mentioned that the District will also use the hydrant for incidents on the Fraser Flats as well as trainings. It is stressed upon that any grant from East Grand Fire would be a one-time occurrence and that the pond will continue to be maintained by Sunset Ridge. Mr. Schneider explained that they came directly to us to request the money due to the difficulty in coordinating a community collaboration on the project with all 200+ homeowners. They were also aware of the direct advantages of the new hydrant for our department. Mr. Schneider then officially asked the Board to consider granting Sunset Ridge the money to upgrade the hydrant. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$19,965. They expressed that our decision was quite time sensitive as the project would need to be completed this fall for the pond would need to be drained; this can only happen when it is at its lowest point. Frank asked how big the cistern would be. Mr. Schneider said it would be 30K gallons or more. Mark asked if there were legal obligations to serve those on County Rd. 84. Mr. Schneider replied that there was no obligations besides those of the moral kind. Frank asked if the water at Junction Ranch was another fire protection option. Todd explained that it was a small community "well" and therefore not helpful. Frank explained that he was on board and thought this improvement would greatly benefit their community as well as the District. Garth asked what similar projects we had taken on in the past that we could reference to help with this decision. Todd noted the Tabernash Meadows Water Line Project on Highway 40 and CR 820 as our most recent project. There was discussion around the relevancy of this project to the current one. It was agreed upon that it was relevant as they are both rural water improvement projects that focused mainly on bringing water to residential land. Garth voiced concern over what precedent we would be setting if we approved this grant regarding future monetary requests for rural water improvement projects. Frank and Todd explained that there were only a handful of older subdivisions left in our community that lack required water for fire protection written into their development contracts. It was decided that future requests would be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. There were more questions and discussion, with the most important points being reiterated; the money would be a one-time grant, the maintenance responsibilities will be that of Sunset Ridge HOA, it will greatly benefit the community as well as East Grand Fire, and Middle Park Water Conservation District will be

abreast of every step of the project. On differing levels, the Board was all in agreement to help Sunset Ridge with this project. Mark was a yes but wanted to discuss the amount we would grant. Steve wanted to grant the whole amount. Garth was in favor of granting a 1/3 -1/2 of the amount but would like to see the HOA be more involved first. It was explained earlier that the HOA and community members were already tackling the high dollar cistern project. Rick wanted to grant 50% or more. Steve Waldorf asked for improved signage at the pond. Dennis asked how much money they have already invested into the project. It is estimated they spent \$10K for securing the water rights. Frank reiterated all the advantages this new hydrant would be for us and the community. The Board agreed to grant Sunset Ridge the full amount requested.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas moved to grant \$19,965 to Sunset Ridge HOA for the installation of a new hydrant in the Sunset Ridge pond. The movement was then amended to granting Sunset Ridge \$20,000 for the installation of the new hydrant at the Sunset Ridge Pond. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The July 25th, 2018 minutes were reviewed with no changes noted.

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

Discussion of Financials: Todd noted that the preliminary assessment should be arriving this week. Todd explained our meeting with COLOTrust and the possible increase in interest rates. Dues and subscriptions are still high. This will be investigated.

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

Chief's Report: Frank confirmed that he will accept the award for the Tabernash Meadows Water Line Project at the SDA conference. Bill Anderson from Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation will be there to accept as well. Garth asked about the District's recent CPR call. Garth wanted to know if we had any SOPs regarding fatalities of members (or their families) involved in line-of-duty fatalities OR non-line-of-duty fatalities, and if we had anything for fatalities including retirees (or their families). Up to this point we have taken every fatality on a case by case basis and our level of involvement has been dependent on what the family wanted from us. Garth was concerned that sometimes the family does not know what they want in their time of grief. The District will work on creating SOPs for these situations.

Fire Prevention Report: Dennis is still very busy and has seen many plan reviews from the Lakota subdivision come in this month. He expects that they will continue to come in. The elevators at Zephyr Mountain Lodge Slopeside are moving forward and are very nice. Dennis completed the final for Park Avenue Lofts in Grand Lake, this was a very big project. Arrow is moving right along. Dennis is working out some kinks with their sprinkler design.

Training Coordinator Report: Trainings this month included a tender shuttle, a walkthrough at the Sitzmark buildings, hose control and a low-angle rescue. Hose control was very successful with all five County fire departments in attendance. Nick Wall will be our new resident at headquarters. Everyone passed Haz mat. We will have 5 new EMTs soon. 481 and 475 replacements are moving forward. Steve confirmed with the Board that everyone is receiving messages on IAR and that they are happy. Steve spent 24 hours at the Silvercreek fire with 461 for structure protection in Old Park and Latigo Ranch.

Todd noted the article regarding Aspen Fire and their mill levy. They collect 2.1 million in revenue with a mill levy of .875 and only 87 sq. miles of property. Todd also noted the letter from Deborah Thomas-Doberson to the Bureau of Land Management requesting a fire break be constructed between Sheep mountain and various surrounding properties. Todd explained his support for this. He noted that maybe it could be a part of the large prescribed burn this fall at Blue Ridge / Church's Park.

Frank Dominguez asked if there was any public comment. They had already left.

Board Business / Action Items: Frank will attend the SDA Board meeting at the SDA conference and Steve will attend the CSD Pool meeting.

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

The Board meeting was adjourned at 20:06 p.m.

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Garth Hein

Mark Pappas

Steve Loo