

Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 27th, 2019

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, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Office Manager Kristen Rybij, Fire Technician Adam Gosey.

Public Present: David Kunkle.

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 was any public comment. There was no comment.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas moved to open the Plan Review and Inspection Fee Increase Public Hearing. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Frank Dominguez opened the Public Hearing at 18:12 p.m.

Director Frank Dominguez asked the members of the meeting whether they had any input or resistance to the plan review and inspection fee increases being purposed. He repeated this request three times. There was no input.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to close the Public Hearing. Director Mark Pappas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Frank Dominguez closed the Public Hearing at 18:13 p.m.

The minutes were reviewed with no changes noted.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to approve the January 23rd 2019 minutes as written. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Todd pointed out the new and more concise format for the budget report. All pertinent information is still presented without showing all the District's sub-accounts. Todd noted that the payroll taxes are high on this report due to the recent incentive checks.

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

Chief's Report: Todd attended EMS's presentation to the BOCC. Although there were wide ranging discussions regarding the multitude of ways to handle emergency management, the main point was that Grand Counties Office of Emergency Management is severely understaffed. Todd then informed the Board that after consultation with Linda Glesne, it was in our best interest to keep the District's current process of adopting Plan Review and Inspection Fee increases the same; that is, by way of public hearing. It is the most transparent and defensible process and a good practice to keep. This was agreed upon by the Board. Todd then touched upon the status of the new 481, the Red Dirt Station signs, the Volunteer Fund Bingo fundraiser, the Wildfire Annual Operating Plan meeting, some fun trainings conducted (notably a game of bay hockey in full gear with air packs), and various calls for the month.

Fire Prevention Report: Dennis presented his monthly report. He asked if anyone had any questions about his report. They did not. He then re-introduced Resolution 2019-02-27-1, "A Resolution of the East Grand County Fire Protection District Amending Plan Review and Inspection Fees" along with our new proposed fee schedule and current examples of other District's fee schedules. Those represented were South Metro, West Metro, and Vail. He asked the Board if they had any questions regarding this information. Frank asked for clarification on South Metro's fee schedule. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that some Districts calculate fees using square footage of the project while others calculate fees using the valuation of it. East Grand has always used square footage as a basis for our fee calculations. Todd added that the Chief Building Official wanted to discuss the prospect of us changing how we calculate our fees

to the valuation model. Is there really a lot of difference when it comes to inspecting two homes of the same size but varying hugely in cost, Todd pondered. Garth then added his concern that calculating fees based on valuation is difficult and can fluctuate wildly. Dennis agreed with all of this. He closed the conversation confirming that he plans to continue work on constructing the best fee schedule for our District's needs, but for this year, he would like to keep the current proposed schedule in place.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas moved to approve Resolution 2019-02-27-1 A Resolution of the East Grand County Fire Protection District Amending Plan Review and Inspection Fees. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Training Coordinator Report: Training has been busy with inside activities due to the cold. There is a turn over in residents upstairs. Incentive checks are being handed out and conversations about accomplishments and goals are still proving successful. 8 members will be renewing their EMT in March. Steve is working with other training officers to plan mutual aid trainings. There has been discussion over doing a live burn with some buildings in old Beaver's Village. This discussion is in its infancy and there are many life, health, and environmental safety factors to consider first. Steve is still working with Lexipol in order to update our policies and procedures. The new 475 is in service, the new 481 is in the works, and our mechanic, Justin, is doing a great job. Steve is configuring the new iPads as well as working on a grant for particulate hoods and fire fighter physicals.

Frank asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Board Business: Frank addressed the lack of response to the letter we sent out regarding the Gallagher / TABOR intersection. The only response was an acknowledgment from Governor Polis's office. Todd noted that there were many shared thoughts and ideas about this issue at the State Chief's lunch, but no groundbreaking solutions were mentioned. Frank explained his frustration and disappointment with the lack of progress from the professionals that are in positions to make actual changes.

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

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:04 p.m.

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Garth Hein

Mark Pappas

Steve Loo