

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 24th, 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, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Fire Technician Adam Gosey.

Director Dominguez opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:09 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present.

Frank asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Frank added his Letter of Resignation from the position as Board President to the agenda. Frank asked if there was any public comment. There was no public.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve the June 26th, 2019 minutes with a spelling correction to Xcel (corrected from Excel) and a correction of grammar; changing “is” to “it”. Director Rick Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: The financials were reviewed. Todd noted that the majority of tax revenues have been collected for the year. Kristen pointed out the financial sheet for the CPR account as it was not included the Budget Report. COLOTrust’s interest is holding steady as is Sigma (for the time being).

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

Chief’s Report: Todd reminded the Board about wood chipping at HQ this coming weekend. The Grand County Wildfire Council heads this wildfire mitigation project using grant money to pay a contractor to perform the chipping. It is free to the public. Donnie Thompson’s service will be held August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 at the B Lazy 2 Ranch. East Grand will be helping with the service. Our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party is coming together in time for the big day, Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and as a special treat, North Colorado Med Evac will be landing their new A-Star chopper at HQ for the public to enjoy. Audit completion is on time for the submission deadline to the state. The Impact Study is in progress. The new draft hydrant is in at the Sunset Ridge subdivision and Todd will try to get some public relation information out soon. The Grand County Office of Emergency Management (GCOEM) is in the process of hiring an experienced Emergency Manager that will answer directly to the County Manager. The County Manager asked for a representative from the Fire District’s to sit on the review / hiring Board. Chief White was nominated for that position with Steve Waldorf as an alternate. Todd discussed Xcel’s new operating procedures for blowing gas lines. Garth commented that they have already implemented these procedures in Aurora. They have implemented a change in where they dig holes for clamping access and have become more aggressive with PPE and safety compliance. Todd thinks that these new procedures will not only add significant time to the incident call, but could also create more dangerous conditions as blowing gas has to go somewhere; the recent CA gas explosion did not happen until Firefighters had already been on the scene for over an hour and a half. Garth commented that the new operating procedures have increases the incident call time, but not dramatically. The lack of access to back hoes and ER gas vehicles in Grand County makes for a much different response time. Todd noted that Grand County has had an issue with missed locates and discussed current incidents due to this. He also noted that they are trying to boost crew up here, add a welder, and that new construction is going in with excess flow valves. Todd discussed the fiber cut which occurred from farming equip taking out an overhead line somewhere around Bailly. Summit, Eagle, and Route counties went down; but spared Grand County. East Grand is the overflow for Summit County, but we all calls. This lasted for approximately 4 hours. They used a link on MAC 17 to pass calls to them because their phones were also done. Volunteers Nick Wall and Adam Kaufman did a great job taking the calls which totaled around 12-16. There will be a survey to hopefully figure out how a single hit can cause so much chaos. Recent call volume and current vehicle fatalities were discussed. There have been 5 fatalities since the beginning of May.

Fire Prevention Report: There is a lot of activity happening at the new Arrow project. Sitzmark E is almost done with rough-in inspections. Inspections continue at the duplexes up in Lakota. Hideaway Station in Winter Park is almost done. There is a lot of activity at River Run Ranch and they are no longer on fire watch as they are hooked up to water now. Dennis has also been focusing on existing building and hood inspections, currently finishing up Winter Park Resort. Roam Filing One is in final plat. River View (just North of the Fraser fishing ponds), is challenging due to the creek and may not happen due to the necessity of a bridge. A Development Review Group has been formed to discuss another new brewery planned for Fraser. Remaining hood replacements were discussed.

Training Coordinator Report: The first District and Officer’s training were both interrupted due to structure fires. Second District training was for uniform sizing, annul photos and the chance to train in the CO State Division of Fire Prevention and Control’s traveling burn trailer. The turn-out was amazing with almost every volunteer in attendance. Training in the burn trailer was a great opportunity to combat the complacency that can happen when always training in the same structure (East Grand’s burn tower). Engineer’s training was navigating long driveways and pumping up a hill. This training also uncovered

issues with the water supply at the Valley at Pole Creek that need to be addressed. There are 3 residents in Tabernash and 4 at HQ. Probies are working on task books. The newest recruits can go on calls as of July. 481 will be ready for final on August 7<sup>th</sup> and the crew will schedule a trip out there the following week. Vehicle annuals are in progress. East Grand is trying to get together with other Districts for rescue truck orientation in preparation for the upcoming county-wide MCI exercise.

Frank asked for public comment. There was no public.

Board Business: The Sky Hi wrote an article discussing our upcoming ballot question. Todd passed out sample questions prepared by Collins, Cockrel, and Cole which included general Gallagher type question formats and actual questions that were passed in 2018's elections. The Board and staff continue to work on creating a ballot question that will work for the future of the District and for our community. The Board set an additional meeting for Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in order to continue discussion of the question as we need to have the election resolution to the County Clerk no later than Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:38 pm.

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