

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 23rd, 2019**

Board Directors Present: President Mark Pappas, Vice President Frank Dominguez, Treasurer Steve Loo, Secretary Richard Kramer, Director Garth Hein.

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

Public Present: Brad Holzwarth.

Director Mark Pappas opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:08 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present.

Mark asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were no additions or changes. Mark asked if there was any public comment. There was no comment.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve the September 25th, 2019 minutes as written. Director Rick Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: General Property taxes are in at ~ 99% for the year. Kristen has fixed the way the budget reports display to include the populated line item totals. COLOTrust is down a small percentage to 2.19%. Steve asked if we were successful in replacing the fuel island spill buckets. This is done with some pending concrete work. Todd noted the -2% in the Capital Building line item. This is due to the lighting rebate (income in an expense item) and will read as an expense when the remainder of the project is paid for.

Chief's Report: The new 481 is at the station and is in process of getting outfitted for operations, making the old 481 unfit for duty and therefore officially out of service. Todd has been busy attending meetings and events in an effort to educate our community about Ballot Measure 6B. He has given presentations to the Towns of Winter Park and Fraser, and the Grand County Democrats Group at their request. Our local radio station KFFR also requested an interview with Todd and he was given a spotlight on their Wednesday show last week. Posters are going up around town and overall reception seems positive. We are hopeful. The Impact Study is still underway with only a few loose ends to button up before presentation to the Towns and County. The preliminary budget is prepared. Wildfire season is coming to an end in Grand County due to cold temperatures and snow, but there are still ~ 11 wildfires currently burning in the state. Todd and Steve met with the new County Emergency Manager, Kat Conrad. Todd handed out the quarterly NFIRS report, we presently just over 300 calls for the year.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: Dennis has finalized 422 E Iron Horse – Chill Building and is working his way through the large Arrow project. The season is still busy with a recent uptick in plan reviews. Dennis noted that his work with Grand Woodworks has led to significant safety improvement over the years. Dennis worked with Safeway and Murdoch's this past month to mitigate their current code violations. Safeway is working on fixing access to their riser room and replacing missing piping in their dry system. Dennis found that Murdoch's entire alarm panel was disconnected, this was fixed within a weeks-time. Dennis noted that he fully educated both businesses about code violation penalties and 24/7 Fire Watch requirements while systems are being fixed. Dennis is also working with Deno's Mountain Bistro occupancy load designation and will issue that once they complete the replacement of their back exit with a ramp. Dennis also discussed the new restaurant moving into the third floor of Cooper Creek Square (Ciao Monte) and the on-going issue with multiple, safe exits, that meet code. This is being worked through.

Training Coordinator Report: Trainings this month included ladders, gas leak / explosion procedures, a new 481 engine walk-around, and ice rescue gear and scenario familiarity. There was a county-wide Auto X Training in Kremmling last Saturday. The training was successful with a great turn out. Steve is almost done with his training and preparing for the next step in policy procedure for East Grand. Steve noted that the Grand County Training Officers group is actively working on a plan by analyzing our collective goals and needs. Steve is almost done programming a new code plug for Grand Lake and programming out District's gate clickers. Steve explained where the District stood in our vehicle replacement schedule. We are mostly on track, only taking a year "off" for 473 because we purchased a Bob Cat instead. The idea of rehabbing 492 instead of full replacement in 2021 was discussed.

Mark asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Business: The preliminary budget was looked at. Todd noted that we aimed to stay within a ~1.6 million-dollar operating budget and have done so. Plans for new asphalt and 473's replacement in 2020 were noted. CDOT's preliminary ideas for making changes to the stretch of road from Kings Crossing

Plaza to County Rd. 8 were discussed. There are many varied ideas currently on the table. Mark requested that we change the November Board meeting to November 20th to avoid conflict with the holiday and to change December's Board meeting to December 11th. The Board unanimously agreed that these changes were OK. November 20th's Board meeting will also be our Budget hearing. Kristen will post this information in the Middle Park Times. The new CORA fees are discussed. The Board decided that making the allowable increase to \$33.58 an hour (1st hour free) was not important at this time and will be tabled until it becomes more of an issue (if ever). Mark wanted to discuss the frequency of which Linda, East Grand's legal counsel, attends our meetings. It is noted that she is there quarterly, but usually does not come in December, so three times a year. Garth noted that he thinks it is a good thing to have her here at least three times a year, to help keep her current. The Board agreed with this. Frank requested for her to be at our November meeting in order to discuss the election results and our next steps regarding what they will be. This is also agreed upon. There is no further business.

- ❖ Director Rick Kramer moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Director Frank Dominguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:27 p.m.

Mark Pappas

Garth Hein

Frank Dominguez

Rick Kramer

Steve Loo