

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 19th, 2021**

Board Directors Present: President Mark Pappas, Vice President Garth Hein, Treasurer Steve Loo, Secretary Richard Kramer, Director Donald Maurais.
Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf.

Director Mark Pappas opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:09. There was a quorum of Directors present.

There were no additions to the agenda. There was no public and no public comment.
The Board reviewed the April 28th, 2021 minutes. There were no changes noted.

- ❖ Director Gath Hein moved to approve the April 28th, 2021 minutes as written. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Taxes are in at ~ 76%. Mark asked why General Insurance showed as a negative percentage (income in an expense account). This is due to a mix of reimbursement monies for the insurance cancellations of 473 and 481 and a re-payment for an over calculation of the broken mirror claim in the account before the budgeted annual premium has been paid. Mark asked why we are over budget on Capital Equipment. Chief explained that we have not received the other entities buy-in for the ROV yet which will bring the line item into budget once this is made.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to pay the bills. Director Garth Hein seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: The District has helped the Coroner multiple times this month as they have been very busy with fatalities. The ROV training is in full swing with great success, except for a thruster that was damaged during the day's pool session. Parts are on the way for tomorrow's training and the ROV is of course under warranty. Mark asked about the District's vaccination status. There are two folks that have not been vaccinated and one of them is on leave anyway. There was discussion over what legislation says regarding the legalities of requiring folks to be vaccinated when the vaccine is only under emergency approval.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: Ryan is now certified as an ICC Fire Inspector I. Garth asked for an update regarding the failure during then rough inspection at Country Ace Hardware. Dennis went ahead and approved a partial part of the building and the engineer agreed to add another layer of 5" drywall so far.

Training Coordinator Report: Steve and our volunteer Tyler recently hosted our annual Wildland Refresher and there were many participants from both inside and outside of the District. This month's Officer's meeting morphed into an in-depth workshop addressing the current wildland fire season with participants collaborating from across the Federal, State, and local levels. Using lessons learned from the East Troublesome fire, communication protocols, resource availability, resource ordering, mutual aid efforts and joint operations were discussed with the goal of a systematic unification of operations and response protocols across all levels and agencies. Steve then talked about the success of the recent Wildland Rodeo attended by folks from the BLM, DFPC, all County Fire Districts. The simulated event brought in multiple levels of emergencies on top of the wildfire event and was a great teaching aid that covered a broad range of topics. The District has also dedicated the whole month to cover all facets of wildland training. Steve updated the Board on the upgrades to 492 and edits to our accident policy regarding levels of incident severity, damages to vehicles / equipment, and when mandatory drug testing will be involved or not.

Mark asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Business: Mark requested for an executive session be added to June's Board meeting agenda. Steve Loo asked for a summary of the recent Red Dirt meeting. Mark explained that the meeting focused on details regarding the installation of a new generator for the Red Dirt Station. Details such as location and gas vs. diesel vs. propane were discussed. Ron Thurston provided the Board with a proposal for the project, and everyone was happy with the price and the seemingly expedited time frame for installation. Garth asked if we would get additional bids for the project. Chief explained that they had not planned on it due to the project coming in under the project price minimum stated in the statute. Garth requested that we still introduce a Request for Proposal as Ron is intimately connected to the Grand Fire Dept. as Assistant Fire Chief. Todd will request that Chief White order a Request for Proposal for the generator project. Mark then updated the Board on the current resident situation at Red Dirt. There are 2 residents, but they do not have their Driver Operator yet, so in the meantime, they will respond to Grand Fire for incidents. Steve Loo asked that we also put out a Request for Proposal for phase two of the Tabernash asphalt project. The Board agreed. This will be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:02 p.m.

Mark S. Pappas

Garth Hein

Steve Loo

Rick Kramer

Donald Maurais