

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 23, 2021**

Board Directors Present: President Mark Pappas, Vice President Garth Hein (remotely), Treasurer Steve Loo, Secretary Richard Kramer, Director Donald Maurais, Pension Chairman Brian Dolan.

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Office Manager Kristen Rybij.

Legal Counsel Present: Linda Glesne.

Director Mark Pappas opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:15 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present.

There were no changes to the agenda. The Board reviewed the May 19th, 2021, minutes. Garth asked Todd for an update to the Red Dirt Generator project as it was not on the agenda. Todd noted that Chief White was in charge of this and believes that he has put in an RFP with no replies, but he will clarify this information. Todd then noted that after contacting several contractors, no one has showed interest in finishing Phase II of the Tabernash paving project either. Garth requested that we still publish an RFP in the paper regarding this job. Kristen will promptly take care of this. Dennis noted a correction needed for the Fire Prevention Bureau Report in the May minutes - 5” drywall needs to be 5/8” drywall. Kristen will make these changes.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to approve the May 19th, 2021, minutes with correction. Director Richard Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Kristen revised our investment interests on the last two Cash Flow reports and requested permission to replace them on the record. Permission granted. Kristen passed around an agreement for our continuation with the CSP Property and Liability Pool to keep our Heart and Cancer benefits. Taxes are in 80%. Kristen explained the sale of vehicles and dissolution of WSHCG as the causes for “Other Income” being larger than expected. Kristen also explained that the larger than normal Office Expense is due to an increased need for IT support to help fix issues that have been developing over the years. Once this is all squared away, the bills will decrease.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to pay the bills. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to recess the Board of Directors meeting. Director Donald Maurais seconded.

The Board of Director’s meeting was recessed at 18:26.

The Board of Director’s meeting was re-opened at 18:32.

Chief’s Report: Todd explained the new Xcel gas moratorium that is in place for most of Fraser south of County Rd. 8 to the Bonfils Station in Winter Park. Todd passed around a map showing the pipelines that are currently inadequate to service the growth taking place in these areas, especially in the cold months. Todd, Dennis, and Ryan will attend an open house this coming Monday that is aimed to address this issue and pending temporary workarounds to the problem, which include CHG trailers hooked into the systems or semi-permanent propane tanks everywhere. It is our goal to make sure it is all done safely and correctly. Todd noted the shortage on propane tanks due to manufacturing times and Mark requested we order the tank needed for the Red Dirt generator now in preparation for a wait. Brian asked how it will affect the Roam Development and Todd explained that only new accounts are affected and those that have paid or are “in-flight” will be serviced but is under the impression that this will have adverse effects on the Roam development. He also noted that Mtn. Parks Electric said they could supply electric to everyone if that was the route taken. We will be going into Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on Friday morning and Todd explained what restrictions will now be in place and is expecting to issue a few welding permits. It was noted that we are still in a severe drought and 461 was sent to the Muddy Slide Fire with a crew. Discussion then moved to SB 21-293 which was introduced and passed in about 5 days at the end of the Legislature. The purpose was to reduce the Residential Assessment Rate for certain types of residences creating new classifications for multi-family dwellings and renewable energy related structures. This could spell out hundreds of million in losses in tax revenues. The argument for SB 21-293 was that the effects of Initiative B (legislation being petitioned meant to fill the vacuum left by Gallagher) would be even worse if they did not pass this bill. The Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Counties, and The Special District Associations were not consulted before the passing of this bill. Linda confirmed that the success of our recent ballot question insulates us from the loss in revenue these bills will cause and congratulated on the hard work the Board and Staff put into creating a ballot question that is now our revenue safety net.

We may not reap the advantages of a huge spike in the RAR, but we will not lose revenue. Mark asked for an update on the repair of the drone's thruster. It is fixed. Todd updated the Board on the Headwaters Water Rescue Authority which is a new entity created to own, manage, and operate the water rescue drone. Bylaws are in the works. This year's hose and aerial testing was discussed. We had to replace 225' of 5" hose purchased back in 2005. This is to be expected. The audit is complete with no issues and sent to the State. Incidents are on the rise as summer gets underway without COVID restrictions.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: This month showed a typical amount of new construction. Dennis complimented Ryan's work is meeting and exceeding his expectations. They have been busy doing annual inspections at Winter Park Resort. Annual inspections are almost done at the YMCA with no large issues. Dennis spent quite a bit of time at the large remodel at Winter Park Mtn. Lodge. The recent flood has forced them to update their antiquated sprinkler system. There are 4 development reviews in the works. Wildfire hazard reviews are very busy this year and Ryan and Dennis are booked all summer for HOA meetings to review wildfire hazards and present them with education and help them make mitigation plans. Mark suggested that we offer a possible monetary program for wildfire mitigation. Dennis explained that cost share and chipping program that the GC Wildfire Council offers, and this is explained to them during hazard reviews and inquiry phone calls. They also advertise around the County using multiple platforms.

Training Coordinator Report: Our 9 Probies are doing well and are ready to respond with pagers. SCBAs will be tested next month. Hydraulic tools will be tested in August. Aerials will be tested next week. Steve noted the small wildfire off the side of the WTB trail which was possibly caused by smoking. The Forest Service was very busy in Grand Lake at the time and were very thankful for our response in mitigating the fire on their jurisdiction. Steve also noted the recent boiler "fire" which was just a blow out, but Kristen shared her conversation with the owner of that condo and his great satisfaction with our "response time and knowledgeable crew."

Board Business: Mark asked Linda if the Board needs to accept the audit with a resolution. Linda confirmed that this is not necessary. There was no more Board business.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to recess the meeting and go into Executive Session 24-6-402(4)(b). C.R.S., Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. Topic to be discussed is a personnel matter brought to the Board of Directors by the Fire Chief, Todd Holzwarth. Director Steve Loo Seconded.

The meeting was recessed at 19:35 p.m. There was a 5-minute recess.

Executive Session was open at 19:40 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 21:11 p.m.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to close the regular meeting. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The Board meeting was adjourned at 21:11 p.m.

Mark S. Pappas

Garth Hein

Steve Loo

Rick Kramer

Donald Maurais