

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 22nd, 2021**

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

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Assistant Fire Marshal Ryan Mowrey.

Legal Counsel Present: Linda Glesne (remotely). Public Present: Blaine Faulkner.

Director Mark Pappas opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:04 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present. Mark added an Executive Session to the agenda to consult our attorney for legal advice on two subjects. Linda confirmed this to be ok and that she would provide the correct verbiage for the commencement of the Executive Session.

There was no public comment.

- ❖ Director Garth Hein moved to approve the August 25th, 2021 minutes as written. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Todd gave the financial report in Kristen's absence. The budget will be sent to the Board by October 15th via email. "Miscellaneous Expenses" are negative because Wells Fargo refunded more money than was charged for fraudulent charges. We are still waiting for drone reimbursement monies which will bring the "Capital Outlay Equipment" line item within budgeted parameters. The Board will need to decide an alternate date for November's meeting and Budget Hearing. The Board will also need to decide an alternate date for the December Board meeting and Adoption of the budget as to certify with the State by December 15th, 2021. Todd reminded the Board of the upcoming election year. Todd noted that Kristen sent the initial 2022 revenue calculations to Linda's team with no obvious issues so far. These were done using the new parameters of the ballot question we passed in 2019. There was a short discussion over how Senate Bill 293 will affect the RAR and how our ballot question insulated us from the repercussions of Referendum 120 if that passes.

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

The Board of Director's meeting was recessed at 18:14.

The Board of Director's meeting was re-opened at 18:25.

Chief's Report: Winter Park's gas line work is moving forward and making quite a ruckus. The TOWP signed the IGA Access Agreement for the South Station, but the IGA for the turning over of the title is still in the works with our attorneys. Chief updated the COVID deaths in the County to ~8. The County decided against a moratorium on STRs, but they, in conjunction with the Towns are working on ways to deal with the negative effects they are having on Grand County. They are looking for ways to enforce registration and life safety compliance. Todd, Dennis, and Ryan have been working with them to assist in implementing a life safety plan of action for STRs.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: New construction is still going strong. Ace Hardware in Granby was finalized with no issues. Fisher's Bar passed inspection, but the Foundry was found to have some issues to work through. They are now owned by the Rec District and were happy to comply in correcting said issues. The development review for Red Hawk Ranch is back on the agenda and a final plat for Jane Creek subdivision was completed. Ryan did quite a few Wildfire Hazard Reviews this month. Mark asked when the County might settle on a game plan for how to deal the STRs. Todd noted that their first course of action is to get to 90% registration compliance by the end of 2021. The County is working with a company who is investigating who is legally registered compared to all out there running STRs under the radar. Once this is accomplished, the County can then address those running business without a proper registration. No one is sure what this will look like. Towns across Colorado are dealing with STRs in many various ways, some with strict regulations, some without any, and many across the spectrum. The County is also running a Nexus study to address getting some form of life safety regulations in place and an annual inspection system to deal with them. Garth asked for an explanation of what it means to be "registered" as an STR. It was noted that it was a simple application process with a nominal fee of ~\$60, but many folks do not comply because they can get out of paying lodging / sales tax. Being registered also opens the door to record keeping for any complaints that may come in

regarding your property, such as exceeding occupancies, noise complaints, improper trash disposal, blocking roadways, and unsafe parking - to name a few. One of the biggest hurdles to this process is figuring out who would oversee this compliance and inspection process. Our County is amid a housing and employment crisis, which is affecting County jobs especially hard. It was brought to our attention that we have a large house that was built in Devil's Thumb Ranches without the required sprinkler system as they were not made aware of this requirement by the County. During the development review, mandatory sprinkler systems was enacted for new houses here due to the lack of hydrants, cisterns, and the road systems not meeting required parameters. This is documented on the original plat. We are not sure what will be done about this existing house, and so far, the others have installed suppression systems. Moving forward new projects will be noticed of this requirement by the County, Devil's Thumb Development Committee, and the District during collection of impact fees and will be a documented part of the final permitting paperwork.

Training Coordinator Report: Congrats to Ryan who passed his EMT exams and is now a nationally registered EMT! Steve met with Darcy Selenke, and they formulated an updated list of supplies for the District's medical kits, including Narcan and eye gels. We did receive a grant for radios and Steve is working on placement. Regarding the recent tragic death of a long time local and community peer, Steve has made sure that our Peer Support leaders were ready for anticipated service.

There was no public comment.

Board Business: Todd reiterated that new dates were needed for the November and December meetings and reminded the Board of the election next year and the Red Dirt meeting November 2nd.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas moved to recess the meeting and go into Executive Session (as per Linda's advice on Statute) for "Advice of Legal Counsel pertaining to a potential claim or claims and related to a contract issue under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)." Director Richard Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Correction:

These minutes will administratively correct the erroneous statute citation in the Executive Session movement stated above. The correct statutory citation for the reason given for the executive session is 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S – Conferences with an attorney for public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pertaining to a potential claim or claims and related to a contract issue.

The meeting was recessed at 18:51 p.m.

Executive Session was opened at 18:55 p.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 20:08 p.m.

Mark Pappas re-opened the regular session at 20:08. Mark proposed the invitation of the owner / operator of Spaces to our October meeting so that she may have the opportunity to substantiate her claims regarding our contract with them.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to close the regular meeting. Director Garth Hein seconded.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 20:10 p.m.

Mark S. Pappas

Garth Hein

Steve Loo

Rick Kramer

Donald Maurais