

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8th, 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, Pension Trustee John Krueger.

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Assistant Fire Marshal Ryan Mowrey, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry (remotely), Office Manager Kristen Rybij.

Director Mark Pappas opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:11 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present. Steve Loo asked if we could give an update of the 2021 November Red Dirt Meeting.

The Board reviewed the November 15th, 2021 minutes.

- ❖ Director Garth Hein moved to approve the November 15th, 2021 minutes as written. Director Steve Loo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Due to the early meeting date, there was no current information for LPL or ColoTrust and not much else to catch up on. Mark asked for an update on the final payout from the dissolution from WSHCG. We should receive this in April 2022 and the amount is estimated at \$25K.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to pay the bills. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Todd introduced the 2022 budget and quickly reviewed the new revenue calculation method including how new construction and consumer price index now ties into the mill levy calculation. There was brief discussion over how our 2019 Ballot Measure affects our current and future revenues.

- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve Resolution 2021-12-08-A To Set Mill Levy. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve Resolution 2021-12-08-B To Appropriate Sums of Money. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Steve Loo moved to approve Resolution 2021-12-08-C To Adopt Budget. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Pappas recessed the Board of Director's meeting at 18:32.

The Board of Director's meeting was re-opened at 18:37.

Chief's Report: The USFS is executing slash pile burning in the Fraser Valley this week causing and uptick in concerned callers. The crew put out a small slash pile recently that was discovered by the County when they arrived to inspect the piles for permitting. Todd updated the board on current COVID death statistics among Fire, EMS, and Police. The Police are not faring well. The Kings Crossing underpass is not available for use yet. Mark asked what the hold-up was. Todd was unsure but noted that the TOWP passed the amended agreement and thought the obstacle to be with the TOF. Staff recently met with the new County STR Coordinator, Christian Hornbaker. Incident call numbers are on par with last years. There has been a series of calls for contractor hit natural gas lines as of late. There was a ceiling fire in the Vintage restaurant area that was hard to track down. It was caused by a failed motor in the HVAC system.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: Dennis and Ryan have been busy keeping up with new development reviews. Zephyr Mtn. Lodge has new maintenance personnel that is causing some challenges with regards to inspections and response to calls. Steve Loo asked for clarification over who the management company for the ZML is, it is Hammersmith. There was a brief discussion over the pros and cons of the new Knox Box Key Fab system that many fire districts are already using. Ryan presented data representing the geographical breakdown of incidents in our District dating from 1994 to the present. There were some challenges working between the old and new data platforms in gathering this data, but historically and currently, 20-30% of calls have come from the Winter Park South area, furthering support for the need of a South Station. It was agreed upon by the Board and Staff that there needs to be further sub-dividing of current geographical zones and matching parameters put into place regarding incident reporting and location so that everyone is on the same page. Steve Loo asked Ryan to update him on what software we are currently using for data collection and analysis. Ryan explained that we moved to using ESO about a year ago when they purchased Firehouse and ended all support for that platform. ESO has been able to export most of our data from FH but is still under refinement.

Most, if not all, agencies in the County are using some version of the ESO platform which facilitates data sharing across agencies.

Training Coordinator Report: Volunteer numbers have been fluctuating due to varied factors. We will be coordinating with the BLM to put on Wildland Training this winter instead of waiting until the spring when everyone starts getting busy. Folks are signing up for the 215 – Urban Interface and the 219 – Fire & Operations Classes to be held in January. A recap of 2021 shows the District trained 74 CPR students and offered over 100 hours of District training. It was noted that we require 40 hours of District training for good standing within the District and have offered more than double that in 2021, even in the face of ongoing COVID challenges. This number does not include extra training hours such as Driver Operator training, certification refreshers, and Recruit Academy. Steve has been busy keeping up with vehicle and building maintenance and has recently ordered all the replacement filters to re-do the station’s Air Vac systems. Recent calls included a 60-acre wildfire in Granby caused by burning ditches, a “campfire” turned slash pile burn, and a wildland call on top of Berthoud, with no confirmed origin. Everyone gave thanks to Jed for putting on an amazing holiday party with great gifts under major time constraints and the obstacles of local staffing shortages amidst the housing crisis and COVID. Steve will be speaking at the Lion’s Club meeting on the 21st per request and will give a short address on the devastating wildfires of 2020.

Mark asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Business: Kristen gave a short synopsis of the 2021 November Red Dirt meeting where main topics discussed were the 2022 Red Dirt budget, residents, the new generator install slated for spring, and a Board request for number of calls run from the station in the last year or so. Details of this meeting can be found in the official meeting minutes if needed. The Board scheduled the 2022 Workshop for January 18th from 11-4. The main agenda item will be the South Station.

- ❖ Director Mark Pappas moved to approve Resolution 2021-12-08-01 “A Resolution Calling for the 2022 Regular Election and Appointing a Designated and Deputy Election Official”. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Steve Loo seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:22 p.m.

Mark S. Pappas

Garth Hein

Steve Loo

Rick Kramer

Donald Maurais