

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
July 26th, 2023**

Board Directors Present: President Garth Hein, Vice President Donald Maurais, Treasurer Rachel Hoyhtya, Secretary Richard Kramer, Director Ryan Barwick.

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Office Manager Kristen Rybij, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry.

Director Garth Hein opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:08 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present. There was no public.

Garth requested that moving forward, the Board members spend time pre-meeting, reading the minutes with intention and taking note of any items needing further discussion. There are many times items discussed during meetings lack proper follow-up in future reports. As an example, Garth asked for an update on Ryan's request for us to look into adding a Budget Forecast line item to the Budget vs. Actual report. Ryan has not had the chance yet to meet with Kristen regarding this. Garth then asked for the status of publicly posting the CWPP report. Kristen has updated our website with a link to the CWPP Story Map and will be adding a link to the 600+ page PDF report as well. Garth then asked Todd for any updates on the recent CORA request regarding our settlement. We have not heard anything back from the newspaper, nor has an article been published.

The Board reviewed the June 28th, 2023 minutes.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to approve the June 28th, 2023 minutes. Director Donald Maurais seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: The audit is done with no issues found. Taxes are in at 80%. Kristen is working on transitioning our impact fee collection system to an all-electronic platform alongside the County's new electronic permitting system, Cloud Permit. Rachel pointed out that the Budget vs. Actual and General Register reports were missing from the Board packet. Ryan asked us to explain what structure the dates of the financial reports follow. The report is pulled from the day after the previous report was pulled to the current day of creating the Board packet, which is normally a few days ahead of the meeting. This system ensures no financial data is missing annually.

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

Chief's Report: The South Station is moving right along...kind of. Utilities have been tested and approved, pavement is going down and trees are being mitigated, but we still do not have an actual building permit. We received unanimous approval by the TOWP Planning Commission during their July 11th meeting but are still awaiting a permit. Discussions between the TOWP and their attorneys regarding what our Affordable Housing Fee will be and how to legally structure a Development Agreement are our current hold-ups. Todd is looking into what the Ski Area was charged for an Affordable Housing fee, as we were under the impression that if your project includes employee housing (which the South Station does), then you are exempted from the fee. As far as the Development Agreement goes, the TOWP is trying to figure out how much we should be putting in escrow to protect the TOWP from having to cover any costs associated with an uncompleted project. There is more head scratching here as we have no intention of walking away from this project and already have a 9.2 million bond in place with Big Valley. There is much frustration over why this has just now come up as it should have been discussed many months ago. We have met the conditions of the ten items needing attention at the request of the Planning Commission and will have, at the very least, our foundation permit next week. We are still working on how to deal with water run off at the site and after a sign off with JBA, are ready to start importing material. Trademark requested that we not "use our sirens," and that we move the trash can from one side of the building to the next. The trash can shall be moved. As for the sirens.....we are First Responders. If we do not have a building permit by this time next week, Legal will then draft an "attention letter" regarding our rights under Title 32 to proceed without one. The problem is there is very little case law regarding this move and doing so will just further delay the project with a stop work order and legal proceedings, concurrent with costs we do not want to have. The Town of Fraser, and possibly the Town of Winter Park are considering creating Urban Renewal Authorities (URAs) to allow Tax Increment Finance (TIF) mechanisms. TIF essentially uses property's mill levy revenues over a certain "freeze" point to pay for infrastructure, land, buildings, etc. The statute currently allows schools, County, and special districts to have a seat at the table regarding decisions made under a URA. The other

option being explored is a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which does not allow us a seat at the table but may be a more attractive option to folks as it does not require their town to be "blighted" first. Todd plans to be at the committee meetings and verbose in his support of the URA over the DDA. Unless there is a drastic change in the way RAR calculations are made, we should still be protected from the potential revenue damage caused by these authorities due to the passing of our ballot question. Todd also noted that Alterra is looking at forming ten or more mini districts to help develop, and re-develop, the base of the resort which would also be able to use TIF. There have been a few small wildfires ignited in the Valley. The Devil's Thumb fire remains quiet, and we are under moderate fire danger, although the southern part of the State has just declared drought. We are 60+ calls ahead of this time last year.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: Dennis and Ryan have been busy completing annual inspections at the Ski resort and the YMCA. Dennis has finalized the new Transit Center. The entire water supply for the center is provided by a well so they have installed a system which includes a 750-gpm pump and (3) 27,000-gallon vertical water storage tanks. They have also installed a water purification system as a way to recycle the water they use in order to meet the water demands for fire suppression and washing vehicles. Dennis was also able to final Grand Fire #1's new station that they will be sharing the CO DFPC and Search and Rescue. The Sterling Point development is coming along well, but further development has been put on hold until they engineer access to a hydrant currently obstructed by the placement of their drainage ditch on the roadside. Garth asked how we inspect the Zoppe circus tent. Dennis said it is just a typical tent inspection where we check for grounded electricity, marked exits, current fire extinguishers, and adequate access / egress. This year they have a new tent which now includes fire resistant material.

Training Coordinator Report: Todd gave the report in Steve's absence. We are putting on a County wide VEIS / Maze in two weeks here at HQ. We also have the State Driving Simulator the third week of October. The ROV was recently used to locate a car that went into Lake Granby. It belonged to one of the USFS Quagga mussel inspectors.

There were no public comments.

Board Business: Garth and Don will both be on vacation during the August meeting. Don will run the meeting remotely if possible, and if not Rachel will run the meeting. There were too many other conflicts found when trying to move the meeting date. If there is not a quorum, the meeting will go on with no decisions made.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Ryan Barwick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 19:23 p.m.

Garth Hein

Donald Maurais

Rachel Hoyhtya

Rick Kramer

Ryan Barwick