

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 27th, 2023**

Board Directors Present: President Garth Hein, Vice President Donald Maurais (remotely), Treasurer Rachel Hoyhtya, Secretary Richard Kramer, Director Ryan Barwick, Pension Chairman Blaine Faulkner, Pension Trustee John Krueger.

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Assistant Fire Marshal Ryan Mowrey, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry.

Director Garth Hein opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:09 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present. There were no additions to the agenda. There was no public.

Garth reiterated his request that all important topics found in the previous month's minutes get a quick review to make sure that what needs addressed has been, or is in the process of, with the goal of making sure nothing falls through the cracks. Garth asked if Kristen had been able to look any deeper into the unanticipated decrease in projected revenues for 2024. She did and drafted a side-by-side comparison of revenue calculations for 2022, 2023, and 2024. This more clearly showed how 2023's 43% drop in inflation rates along with a sizeable decrease in new construction more than cancelled out the effects of 2022's extraordinary inflation rates and new construction growth on our 2023 revenues resulting in a slight drop in revenues for 2024. There was no further discussion over items found in the August minutes.

The Board reviewed the August 23rd, 2023 minutes.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to approve the August 23rd, 2023 minutes. Director Rachel Hoyhtya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Todd talked to a representative from the NWCCG about any possible grants available to help with the costs of the South Station. Unfortunately, there is not much in the way of aid set up for Special Districts, especially, as we are finding out, Fire Stations. Obtaining a Lease Purchase remains our best option to cover financing of the South Station along with the utilization of our laddered investments and Impact Fee funds.

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

The Board of Director's meeting was recessed at 18:25 p.m.

The Board of Director's meeting was re-opened at 18:32 p.m.

Chief's Report: South Station is geared up to start pouring foundation and walls. The Town of Fraser is moving forward with TIF and will be recommending the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to their Trustees. Todd voted "yes with qualifications" on their TIF plan. Although the projects slated to be covered by TIF are not major fire concerns for us with their modern suppression systems, they will add call volume, and Todd requested that the TOF keep this in their considerations. There are wildfires popping up around the State and in Grand County. We are ~ 70 calls ahead of last year at this time.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: New construction is still going strong. Dennis finished up inspections at the Mill Avenue Apartments which consist of a 32 unit and 24 unit building. Dennis also spent a good amount of time inspecting Copper Creek. The Elk Creek subdivision is adding a new parcel of land that is located in the middle of the subdivision. Garth asked if we had voiced any position on the height variance requested for projects in Fraser. The only input we gave was in regard to any life safety concerns found with their potential projects and even this was just general information, as without actual construction documents, there was not much to comment on. Jim Creek is moving forward and will be calling for a final alarm inspection on the 1st building. Dennis has spent time walking the building before the systems are concealed with construction finishings. He has found a few issues, but sprinkler contractors are aware and are dealing with them.

Training Coordinator Report: Steve was not present to give his report. There were no questions. SCBA testing is coming up. Ryan asked for the conclusion to the "issues" found during aerial testing to the frame of 481. It has been looked into and confirmed that the structure is sound and built to spec. The inspector was just not familiar with this particular framing style.

There were no public comments.

Board Business: There was no Board business.

Director Ryan Barwick moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Richard Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 19:11 p.m.

Garth Hein

Donald Maurais

Rachel Hoyhtya

Rick Kramer

Ryan Barwick