

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
April 23rd, 2025**

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

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

Director Garth Hein opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:01 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present. There were no additions to the agenda. Three members of the public were in attendance but did not use the sign-in sheet.

The Board reviewed the March 26th, 2025 minutes.

- ❖ Director Ryan Barwick moved to approve the minutes as amended with a strike through for redundant language. Director Richard Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Kristen passed out a revised February Cash Flow sheet. She updated the Board on the improved fillable Impact Fee agreement and Fee Calculation sheets she created. They have been helpful. She noted that there were 25 open invoices currently waiting on payment.

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

Chief's Report: Kristen is preparing the first quarter rent and utility billing for GCEMS. The swale at the Lone Tree Station needs some maintenance. The Moore Brothers are painting the outside of the Tabernash station. Calls are up a bit. The Grand County Fire Chief's quarterly meeting was cancelled due to snow on the west end and concern over call response. The crew was trained on the new engine 484 and complimented the ease of its drafting capabilities. There was a brief discussion on the proposed use of language translating earbuds for use in incident response.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: Inspections and reviews are going strong. Ryan, Ricardo, and Chris are working on FAQs for the STR Fire & Life Safety Program. The TOWP is reevaluating changing their annual permitting process from once a year in September to a yearly cycle from the date of each individual applicant in order to spread them out throughout the year.

Training Coordinator Report: The Recruits are starting training with a wildland class as the first order of business. The State changed its certification cycle to every 5 years. 484 is stocked with the rescue equipment it needs as first on scene with back up coming. Pumping is simplified. Steve met with the USFS yesterday and informed us that they are short 1,600 red carded folks. These were folks that were ready to retire and cannot work a federal fire while getting paid severance / retirement under the USFS. NOCO Dispatch combined with Craig in Fort Collins, and they are up and running with a successful radio test. Garth asked for an update on the Great Debate. This was highly successful! The Volunteers held multiple meetings on their own and then brought it all to the table during training. They all agreed that we need more coverage and worked on solutions that would produce faster response time and 24/7 coverage. We will be working towards station shifts covered by a stipend in 2026. Garth asked for an update on the HWRA Drone boat. Agencies together with the GCSO and the Mullinex fund have put in an order for a rescue boat.

Public Comments: Public member stood up and introduced himself as John Simon. He threatened legal action against the District in a one-line statement with no additional detail.

Board Business: Garth asked for May meeting attendance, everyone will be in attendance. Garth and Rachel will be at the Red Dirt meeting.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to recess the regular meeting and move into Executive session Executive Session 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. – PERSONNEL MATTERS. "Personnel matters related to complaints received by Fire Officers from a former Volunteer." Director Rachel Hoyhtya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was recessed at 18:50 p.m.

The regular meeting was re-opened at 19:41 p.m.

Garth gave a brief summary of the Executive session, stating that we discussed personnel matters related to complaints received by Fire Officers from a former Volunteer and gave the Staff and Board time to speak regarding their knowledge of the complaints.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 19:43 p.m.

Garth Hein

Donald Maurais

Rachel Hoyhtya

Rick Kramer

Ryan Barwick