

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Dennis Soles, Office Manager Kristen Rybij, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Asst. Fire Marshal Ryan Mowrey, Lt. Fire Inspector Ricardo Loza.

Director Donald Maurais opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:01 p.m. There was a quorum of Directors present. There was no public. Future meeting attendance was added to the agenda.

- ❖ Director Garth Hein moved to approve the 2024-12-11 minutes as written. Director Richard Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Garth Hein moved to approve the 2025-1-22 minutes as written. Director Rachal Hoyhtya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials: Kristen noted that our first substantial disbursement of taxes was deposited. Impact fees are expected to pick back up in March. Ryan asked Kristen to elaborate on the amount of the Workman's Compensation line item relative to how early in the fiscal year it is. It is our annual premium.

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

Chief's Report: An electrical glitch at the Lone Tree Station is being investigated with a collection system monitoring electrical supply. The Strategic Plan is in the works. Lease Purchase funds are set to be transferred to Rosenbauer. Slash pile burning has dropped off. Federal changes are causing unknowns in the upcoming wildland season.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report: New construction is STILL booming. The STR Inspection Program is going well with recent reports from Ryan stating, " We were almost caught up just the other day...." So far, ~ 325 inspections have been processed or are in process, with submissions from STRs in WP starting to show up. Mr. Cheevers is full swing as our newest FPB employee and is working on the STR program with success.

Training Coordinator Report: Incentive check One-of Ones are in full swing, and feedback is good. Ricardo created a Volunteer Satisfaction Survey and the (anonymous) results are coming in. Satisfaction seems to be split right down the middle. The results will be tabulated and will help the Staff and Volunteers create a stronger program together. The Timber Warrior Wolf will be delivered to Fort Collins soon. Work to be done there is minimal and will include plugging the shoreline into the EMS cabinet in the back seat so that the 4 Gas and chargers not running off the 12V system can be plugged in. Steve plans to install the radio system here at HQ. Discussion ensued over what to anticipate this wildfire season amidst the federal cuts to the USFS. Steve plans to get a better answer at the annual spring cooperators meeting, but the consensus is that even though the cuts will affect forest patrol and campfire monitoring, it is not expected to affect wildfire fighting. The tongue in cheek on the street is that USFS will be more of a fire service instead of a forest service after the drastic cuts to young and probationary positions. Todd noted that he expects the new North Colorado Dispatch center to be of greater help this season with the support of the DFPC and a more robust and knowledgeable staff.

There were no public comments.

Board Business: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the adoption and implementation of our new impact fee structure. Everyone is in support of the charge per square foot model for any and all new construction (residential, non-residential, and accessory) including additions and any remodel changing the use from non-habitable to habitable. The only exemption will be the replacement of an existing building (i.e., destruction due to fire). Staff also proposed an Impact Fee Rebate program where folks are eligible to receive a 100% of the impact fees back providing that they can prove they are a full-time permanent resident. The logistics of the program are still being worked through, but the concept will not change.

- ❖ Director Rachel Hoyhtya moved to approve Resolution 2025-2-26 "A Resolution Approving the Impact Fee Study & Authorizing Implementation of Updated Proportional Development Impact Fees." Director Richard Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 p.m.

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Garth Hein

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Donald Maurais

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Rachel Hoyhtya

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Rick Kramer

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Ryan Barwick