Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 27th, 2026

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

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Training Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Assistant Fire Marshal Jordan Ennis, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Fire Inspector Lieutenant Ricardo Loza, Office Manager & DOF Kristen Rybij and Fire Prevention Technician / Engineer Christopher Cheevers.

Volunteer Liaison Committee (VLC) Present: Captain Banning Starr.

Director Garth Hein opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:05. There was a quorum of Directors present. There were no additions to the agenda. No members of the public were present.

The Board reviewed the minutes from April 22nd, 2026.

- ❖ Director Rachel Hoyhtya moved to approve the April 22nd, 2026 minutes as written. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials:
Kristen presented the financial report. She noted a significant increase in interest income from LPL investments and reported approximately $132,000 in impact fee revenue for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to approximately $237,000. Much of the impact fee revenue was generated by the Mountain Storage project, with the remainder coming from several large residential developments. The budget also noted no significant concerns. She highlighted office expenses, which are approximately 50% expended due to computer purchases made earlier in the year.

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

Chief's Report:
Chief and the Board discussed the County EMS lease agreement and the intent to provide the required six-month notice to begin renegotiations. The Board's goal is to simplify the lease structure by establishing a single all-inclusive monthly payment covering utilities, snow removal, and consumable supplies, eliminating the need for monthly cost-sharing calculations and reducing administrative burden. Historical utility expenses will be used to develop a proposed monthly rate, with annual reviews of trailing 12-month costs to ensure the lease amount remains equitable. The Board also discussed a one-year lease term with renewal options to allow for periodic adjustments as expenses change. The intent of the renegotiation is to clarify responsibilities, eliminate ambiguity, and ensure both parties have aligned expectations, with a target effective date of December 10, 2026. Regarding County and Town matters, Chief shared a Town of Winter Park workshop presentation outlining long-term growth projections, including anticipated increases in population, development, and lodging capacity, and provided the presentation to Board members for reference. He also provided an update on the County's proposed adoption of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code, noting that implementation discussions are ongoing but that many requirements already align with current building practices. Chief expressed optimism that the County will move forward with adoption once logistical details are finalized. Additionally, he reported that the District's 2025 annual report is nearing completion and will be presented to the Town of Winter Park and the Board of County Commissioners in June. Future reports are expected to include more detailed call and response data through enhanced reporting capabilities. Chief and Steve also reported that improvements to the Tabernash station playground have been completed, including repainting and installation of new swings. He noted that future grant opportunities may support a larger fire prevention-themed playground project while preserving the site's historical connection to the former Tabernash grade school.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report:
Jordan presented the Fire Prevention Report, noting that staff continue to manage a high volume of plan reviews, inspections, and development review projects throughout the District. He reported that the team has remained current on short-term rental inspections through the combined efforts of full-time and part-time staff. Jordan also highlighted ongoing work on the District's annual report. Additionally, he provided an update on wildfire mitigation efforts, home inspections, and professional development activities, noting that Fire Prevention personnel

continue to participate in wildland fire training and certification courses while maintaining day-to-day inspection and review responsibilities.

Training Coordinator Report:
Steve reported that academy training continues to progress well despite the loss of two participants due to family commitments. Staff remain busy balancing academy instruction, ongoing training and certification requirements, facility maintenance needs, and daily operational responsibilities. He also highlighted the successful completion of RT-130 refresher training and a recent officers meeting, which provided productive discussion on current forestry and wildfire-related topics. Additionally, he reported the successful completion of the District's radio system upgrade, which included programming and firmware updates for 615 radios, implementation of encryption capabilities, channel reorganization, and replacement of incompatible antennas. The upgrade is expected to enhance communication reliability and interoperability across the District.

Board Business:
The Board discussed potential ballot measures and election timing related to future District revenue needs. Discussion centered on preparing multiple ballot question options, including a sales tax increase, a mill levy increase, and release of the existing 10.5 mill levy cap, while awaiting additional information regarding URA TIF decisions. Board members expressed interest in maintaining flexibility by developing draft ballot language and supporting materials in advance so that options can be finalized once additional information becomes available. The Board discussed the advantages and challenges associated with both sales tax and mill levy measures and generally agreed that separate ballot questions would provide voters with greater flexibility. Staff will continue evaluating revenue projections, election costs, and timing requirements for the November coordinated election, with additional financial modeling and discussion to occur at the June meeting. A special meeting may be scheduled if needed to finalize ballot language and election participation deadlines.
The Board received a follow-up update on facility maintenance projects at Red Dirt Station that were discussed during the May meeting. Planned improvements include concrete repairs, gravel and paving maintenance to improve access and safety, and replacement of the station's aging boiler system. Following review of multiple competitive bids, the Board approved a full boiler system upgrade to replace the existing Triangle boilers and support the facility's long-term operational reliability.

For the June Board of Directors meeting, Director Garth Hein and Director Ryan Barwick will attend remotely.

- Director Richard Kramer moved to go into Executive Session at 19:13. Director Rachel Hoyhtya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Director Richard Kramer moved to come out of Executive Session at 19:32. Director Rachel Hoyhtya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Board reported that discussions were held regarding the URA TIF negotiations. No formal decisions or actions were taken.

- Director Richard Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Rachel Hoyhtya seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 19:33.

Garth Hein	Donald Maurais	Rachel Hoyhtya
Rick Kramer	Ryan Barwick	