

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
July 22nd, 2026**

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

Staff Present: Chief Todd Holzwarth, Fire Marshal Ryan Mowrey, Assistant Fire Marshal Jordan Ennis, Fire Inspector Lieutenant Ricardo Loza, Volunteer Coordinator Jed Henry, Office Manager & DOF Kristen Rybij and Administrative Assistant Andrea Jovanovski.

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

Director Ryan Barwick opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:04. There was a quorum of Directors present. There were no additions to the agenda. No members of the public were present.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2026-7-22, "A Resolution Calling for a November 3, 2026 Special Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official."

- ❖ Director Garth Hein moved to approve Resolution 2026-7-22, "A Resolution Calling for a November 3, 2026 Special Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official," by roll call vote. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with all five directors voting in favor.

The August Board of Directors meeting was rescheduled from August 26, 2026, to August 19, 2026.

The Board reviewed the minutes from June 24th, 2026.

- ❖ Director Rachel Hoyhtya moved to approve the June 24th, 2026 minutes as written. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials:

Kristen provided an update on the District's finances and noted that one fee rebate has been issued, with one additional request received. Impact fee revenue is approximately \$75,000 higher than at the same time last year, although collections continue to come in at a steady pace. The District received approximately \$347,000 in tax revenue during the month. Kristen reviewed the General Fund and noted no significant concerns or unusual variances. Utility expenses were discussed, with higher percentages attributed primarily to winter electric bills received earlier in the year. Kristen also reported that the annual audit has been successfully completed and submitted to the State. Board members received the governing board letter and a digital copy of the completed audit.

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

Chief's Report:

Chief Holzwarth reported that the District's EMS lease is currently with the County Attorney for review and that he continues to follow up on its status. He discussed a discrepancy in the lease language and noted that the missing language originated from the County's standard lease language and has since been identified. He provided an update on CDOT highway construction, noting that current work primarily consists of guardrail improvements, with paving expected to create additional traffic impacts. County Road 5 is anticipated to experience increased traffic as motorists use it to bypass construction. He also discussed recent coordination with the Town of Fraser. Fire Marshal Ryan provided the Town with the year-end presentation, which was well received. Stage 2 fire restrictions were scheduled to take effect on July 26 due to very high fire danger. Several fires have occurred throughout the county, and the District has aided as needed. Chief provided an update on a fire in the County Road 1 area, which appeared to be under control and in the mop-up stage. Chief acknowledged recent aviation-related fatalities involving wildfire response personnel.

The District is approaching 300 calls for service for the year.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report:

Cheevers welcomed his new baby and will be taking an additional two weeks off. Ryan provided an update on fire prevention activities during Stage 2 fire restrictions, including special permitting for contractors conducting hot work and commercial smoking operations. Jordan and Ricardo have been conducting site visits and coordinating with contractors to ensure compliance with safety requirements. Lt. Loza assisted with the Aspen Acres Fire through a CMAS request

and brought back valuable information related to structure protection and wildfire mitigation, which was incorporated into District training. The District’s recent chipping day collected approximately 90 loads of material, and wildfire home assessments continue, with approximately 300 completed and 50 awaiting scheduling. Ricardo has also continued providing Firewise education to local HOAs. Staff have been working with Winter Park Resort to improve wildfire preparedness, including updating response plans, equipment caches, water supply and access maps, and exploring the use of the Resort’s snowmaking system for structure and critical infrastructure protection.

Training Coordinator Report:

Jed provided the Training Report on Steve’s behalf while Steve is in New Hampshire. Staff have been focused on finalizing radio-related work and recently completed a cooperative training with Winter Park Resort that included vehicle stabilization, victim extrication, rappelling, and patient removal. The training provided opportunities for newer personnel to gain experience in additional roles. Annual hose testing was also completed successfully, with approximately 2.83 miles of hose tested and minimal hose failure. The District’s new Type 7 utility vehicles are currently in Texas being upfitted and are expected to arrive soon, with one planned for Fire Prevention and one for Operations.

Board Business:

Kristen reviewed the CSD P&L Pool Repayment Agreement, which provides funding toward cancer-related coverage and benefits for volunteer firefighters through the District’s participation in the Colorado Special Districts Pool for workers’ compensation. The Board agreed that the current arrangement is working well and supported continuing with the Pool. All Board members plan to attend the August Board meeting.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to go into Executive Session at 19:15. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to come out of Executive Session at 19:31. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Board requested a motion to void the earlier approval of Resolution 2026-7-22, “A Resolution Calling for a November 3, 2026 Special Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official.”

- ❖ Director Rachel Hoyhtya moved to void Resolution 2026-7-22, “A Resolution Calling for a November 3, 2026 Special Election and Appointing a Designated Election Official,” by roll call vote. Director Donald Maurais seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with all five directors voting in favor.

The Board requested a motion to introduce Resolution 2026-7-22-1 to clarify the District’s options for potential fall ballot measures related to de-Brucing, sales tax, and/or mill levies.

- ❖ Director Rachel Hoyhtya moved to approve Resolution 2026-7-22-1 to clarify the District’s options for potential fall ballot measures related to de-Brucing, sales tax, and/or mill levies. Director Donald Maurais seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Donald Maurais seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 19:35.

Garth Hein

Donald Maurais

Rachel Hoyhtya

Richard Kramer

Ryan Barwick