

**Minutes East Grand Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 19th, 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, Volunteer Coordinator Steve Waldorf, Office Manager & DOF Kristen Rybijn, Fire Prevention Technician Christopher Cheevers and Administrative Assistant Andrea Jovanovski.

Volunteer Liaison Committee (VLC) Present: Firefighter Bayard McCue-Frazier.

Director Ryan Barwick opened the Board of Directors meeting at 18:07. 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 July 22nd, 2026.

- ❖ Director Donald Maurais moved to approve the July 22nd, 2026 minutes as written. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Financials:

Kristen reported that there were no significant changes to report on the cash flow sheet. Impact fees remain steady, and tax revenues are nearing completion for the year. Short-term rental deposits and inspection permit fees have increased as the Town of Winter Park moves through its annual renewal cycle, which runs through the end of September.

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

Chief's Report:

Chief Holzwarth reported a busy month, with summer station maintenance items being completed, including work at the Lonetree facility. The Grand County EMS lease amendment was approved by the Board of County Commissioners, with the remaining paperwork still to be finalized and exchanged. The District also discussed remaining in Stage 2 fire restrictions; although fuel moisture and other fire-condition metrics are improving, the consensus is to maintain Stage 2 for now due to continued fire risk and clearer public messaging. The District has experienced very few human-caused fires during the restriction period. Staff also visited Winter Park Resort to review equipment and resources that could potentially be used for firefighting operations. In addition, the Chief provided an update on the planned access road serving the property north of the District. The road is expected to run along the District's property line and include a 24-foot roadway with additional space for the Mary Ann's Trail and sidewalk. While the road is not on District property, staff are evaluating a potential connection that could provide the station with a full-size secondary emergency vehicle access, improving upon the existing access that is currently limited to pickups and smaller vehicles.

The Board discussed the financial impacts of the Winter Park Urban Renewal Authority and the negotiated tax increment financing agreement. Under the agreement, the District will retain 46% of incremental tax revenues generated within the URA area, which is projected to offset the cost of providing services to new development. Impact fees are excluded from the agreement and will remain fully retained by the District. The agreement runs through 2050 and includes annual reporting and review provisions. The Board also discussed removing the statutory 5.25% annual property tax growth limit to allow revenues to better keep pace with assessed value growth and rising service costs. Following discussion, the Board supported moving forward with the URA revenue-sharing agreement and related resolution.

- ❖ Director Richard Kramer moved to approve Resolution 2026-8-19 "Consenting To Adoption Of The Winter Park Urban Renewal Authority Tax Increment Financing Revenue Sharing Agreement" by roll call vote. Director Garth Hein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with all five directors voting in favor.

Fire Prevention Bureau Report:

Ryan reported an update on continued coordination with Winter Park Resort regarding wildfire response capabilities. Staff toured the resort's snowmaking and firefighting equipment, including mobile water supply units, and continued developing response plans using snowmaking infrastructure. Resort pre-plan mapping has also been expanded to include roads, building names, and key hydrant locations. Ricardo is currently assigned with the Grand Wildland Team in the Durango area. Staff also discussed potential future security upgrades at the Tabernash

headquarters, including additional cameras and updated keypad access systems, with a proposal possibly coming before the Board next month.

Training Coordinator Report:

The Training Coordinator reported updates on staffing, apparatus, facilities, and wildland operations. Two members recently left the District for other career opportunities, though both remain active within the local fire service community. Members continue progressing through testing and practical requirements for firefighter and hazmat certifications. Annual aerial testing was completed successfully, with several non-critical repairs identified on the tower that will require service in Frederick. Facility improvements are also underway, including concrete and asphalt work at District properties. The District is also exploring a two-week local severity assignment with the Forest Service, which would provide additional training, experience, and revenue while strengthening the District’s relationship with federal partners.

Board Business:

The Board discussed Resolution 2026-8-19 “An Amendment to Resolution 2025-2-26 Approving the Impact Fee Study and Authorizing Implementation of Updated Proportional Development Impact Fees.” Discussion focused on establishing clear, objective eligibility criteria, distinguishing qualifying living-space improvements from non-essential additions, and avoiding unintended or preferential treatment. Board members also considered how the exemption could apply to larger remodels or rebuilds and the potential impacts on affordability, fairness, and District revenues. The Board agreed to defer action and continue reviewing the policy at a future meeting.

The Board discussed potential 2026 ballot measures related to long-term District revenues. Following review of revenue forecasts and future funding needs, the Board unanimously approved advancing a measure to remove the statutory property tax revenue growth limit and authorized staff and legal counsel to finalize the ballot language. The Board also approved moving forward with a proposed 0.28% sales tax to diversify District revenues and support staffing, wildfire mitigation, and facility needs. Colorado law allows fire protection districts to levy a sales tax only with voter approval, and revenues must be used for fire protection services. A potential mill levy increase was discussed but deferred for future consideration. The Board emphasized clear, factual public information regarding the proposed measures and directed staff and counsel to complete the required election and certification steps.

- ❖ Director Garth Hein moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Richard Kramer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 20:50.

Garth Hein

Donald Maurais

Rachel Hoyhtya

Richard Kramer

Ryan Barwick