

**Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District
September 23, 2015 6:00 p.m.
Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517**

Board: President Doug Klink, Vice President Mark Igel, Treasurer Mike Richardson, Mike Kearney, Ed Ford

Staff: Chief Scott Dorman, Board Recording Secretary Kostner

Also Attending: Fire Marshal Marc Robinson and Paul Fishman

Absent: Mike Richardson

The following minutes reflect the order of the agenda and not necessarily the chronological sequence of the meeting.

President Doug Klink called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Chief Dorman led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Kostner performed roll call – Mike Richardson absent excused

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

No public comment.
No Board comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was noted that the presentation by Paul Fishman will be bumped up to #7.5. Moved by Mike Kearney, seconded by Mark Igel to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mark Igel, seconded by Mike Kearney to approve the 8-26-15 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Mark Igel, seconded by Ed Ford to approve the 9-9-15 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously

REPORTS

Fire Chief Report –

The volunteers will vote on the brand of SCBA's they would like to order at the next business meeting on October 6th.

Ferrell Gas is doing some burning off at the Spur location over the next couple of days.

Thanks to Tim, Donny, and Daryl the new storage shed is almost complete.

Boulder County has put a burn ban in place. We will monitor to see if we will need to do the same.

Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department is still interested in the Bauer air compressor.

In 2017 our 800mhz radios will not be supported. We need to look at replacing 50 radios in the next 5 years. New radios are approximately \$2600 each.

No CEO report this week.

Treasurer Report –President Doug Klink reviewed the paid bills of the EVFPD and provided the August 2015 balance sheet(s) including, but not limited to: governmental funds and schedule of capital assets, statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for general operations., operating reserve, Tabor and capital reserve were also provided.

Moved by Mark Igel, seconded by Ed Ford to accept paid bills. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Training site – The Town has just started to lay pipe. It is speculated that it will be next fall before we will be able to start our building projects on the site.

Reserve Engineer Program – nothing new to report

2015 Fire Code Update – Fire Marshal Marc Robinson to send amendments to our attorney for review.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Fishman presented why he wants to bring an Urban Renewal Authority to Estes Park. Paul stated that he's the one initiating this process of trying to get buy in to re-establish a URA to help improve the areas of Cleave St, the gaslight district, and Elkhorn Lodge to name a few areas. The URA would help with flood mitigation and blight in these areas. Paul stated that the impact on the taxing districts would be in the form of a TIF (tax increment financing). This would draw revenue from the tax district to reinvest in the community that would ultimately grow the tax revenue in the community. Paul admits that this is a money grab with the EPIC project and ongoing development at the Stanley. The EDC will be putting together a white paper for this project. Paul said his goal for this meeting was to get a representative from the fire district to sit on a panel to discuss this issue further. He would like to get one representative from each taxing district. President Doug Klink asked for board comment.

Mark Igel stated that he has concerns as a property owner and business owner. How can you ask for financing before you have a plan? Mark says that he has trouble getting behind it and that at this point it would be a mistake to support it as a district.

Mike Kearney stated that this is putting the cart before the horse. There is no vision. We have no idea how much a TIF would impact our district. I still have a sour taste about the prior URA. If he was a representative he would crush this project.

Ed Ford stated that he feels Paul is asking for a blank check when there is no plan. The cart is before the horse. We are already seeing development in town without a URA.

It was stated that the board has an obligation to our district first. Over the next several years we have trucks that need to be replaced to keep up with the current development so that we can continue to provide superior service. Participating in a TIF would decrease the money available to the district to keep our equipment current to serve our community and that needs to be our priority.

President Klink asked the board if we should appoint someone to the panel as requested by Paul Fishman. The consensus was that it is too early to spend our time on something that does not have a plan, does not have a vision, that no group is backing as of yet, and does not have community support.


President Klink asked for any public comment. The only comment was that we need more information before deciding one way or the other.

Mike Kearney stated that we need to sit on it until a time when Paul has a detailed plan. When that time comes Paul can re-present the proposal.

Phil Marston did a PowerPoint presentation to the board outlining the training schedule for the rest of the year and for 2016.

Fire Marshal Marc Robinson then presented the 3 options for the vacant WUI position. The Fire Marshal and the board were leaning towards the full time split position of inspector/WUI. The Board directed Chief Dorman to put a full time position in the budget for next year and directed the Fire Marshal to reprioritize the position to put more emphasis on inspection. The Fire Marshal is to re-work the position description and put together the numbers for board review.

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015 at 6:00p.m. at Dannels Fire Station.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm



Ed Ford, Secretary of the Board

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"The Mission of the Board of Directors of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to establish policy, goals, strategies and financial leadership that are the foundation for the long-term sustainability of the District."