

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

June 26, 2024 4:30 p.m.

Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517

Board: Dave Hamrick, Brian Tseng, Ryan Bross, Mike Lewelling

Staff: Chief Rick Lasky, Asst. Chief Jon Landkamer; Asst. Chief Paul Capo; Chief of Staff Erika Goetz, Lt. Stacy Sutherland

Also Attending: Lt. Ron Bruchwalski, Captain Rick Spear, Joan Hooper, Patti Brown, Robert Foster, Steve Dazzio

Absent: None

President Ryan Bross called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chief Lasky led the Pledge of Allegiance

Erika Goetz performed roll call – all present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Dave Hamrick and seconded by Mike Lewelling to approve the agenda moving new business items up to 7.5. Motion carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ryan Bross and seconded by Dave Hamrick to approve the meeting minutes from the 5/22/24 board meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS –

Approval of CO Special Districts P&L Repayment Agreement

Chief of Staff Goetz brought this to the board, it's an annual requirement to receive the subsidized pricing from the POOL for the Heart & Cancer Trust.

Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Mike Lewelling to approve the repayment agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Letters of Interest in Vacant Board Seat

The board is grateful to have two interested candidates.

Brian Tseng gave a brief overview of Christopher Buser. Robert Foster was in attendance and gave a brief overview of his background to the board. Discussion took place.

Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Dave Hamrick to appoint Christopher Buser to the vacant position. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

2023 Audit – Steve Dazzio

Steve Dazzio presented the 2023 audit to the board. The MD&A letter has not been fully reviewed yet but will be provided to the board prior to final acceptance of the audit at the July 24th meeting. It was a clean audit ending with us being \$97,323 positive net change in fund balance. Operationally we are in good shape and are 2:1 assets to liabilities.

REPORTS

Administrative Division:

4th of July – Board to cook

Rooftop Rodeo Parade July 8th

SDA Conf. Sept 10-12th in Keystone Any board members interested in attending?

PIO/Social Media team is getting off the ground! Led by Heather Bradley

Prevention Division:

- CWDG Grant matching funds have been approved by TOEP Trustees, \$175,000
- Very busy with inspections including picking up some WUI/HIZ inspections, thanks to Stacey
- Interviewed on Tuesday for WUI Lieutenant
- Will soon be posting the WUI Educator position – FR-WRM grant

- Chief Landkamer presented to EVWC Board on the plans for 1A WUI Mitigation Program
- Working with the Com Dev Director (Steve) on WUI mitigation plans being required for new construction, and BOA update along with Town Attorney Kramer

Operations Division:

2024 – 334

2023 – 257 77 difference

52 FF’s – 47 vol. (1 app today) -2 are in Task Book [2 more than last month]

+ 8 Aux. = **55 Volunteers** (7 done with task book)

All members in Yellow Helmet, all that fit Black Gear

Brought on 5 new SW I’s & Advanced 2- SWII

CALLS – Since last board meeting = 97 calls

Notable

SAR- 4 (One ROPE)

SW – 3

Veh. Fire – 1

Wildland Fire – 2 (2nd alarm)

1- Man vs Machine

MA - 2

Training Division:

Currently Swiftwater

Eagle Rock Wildland

May – Agg Int Search, Tomorrow Unc. Ground Ladders

8 task books ff’s + Aux.

1- DE Type I eng.

Station & Apparatus:

- Annual DOT inspections/service has been completed
- Fleet is down one mechanic, Bailey has left
- Staff 71 in process
- HME/Ahrens Fox Type 6 is locked in with an October delivery at this point

Chief Lasky

Thanked Captain Spear as IC on the Hell Canyon Fire.

Attended an SDA workshop

Drone program is 2/3 ready!

We will be hosting a PIO class in August and a grant writing workshop in September.

Sadie Morgan will be leading the Explorer program moving forward.

Auxiliary team is excited to get working on projects.

Volunteer Captain Report – There are a lot of good people doing good things! Thank you to Lt. Bruchwalski for Battalion 71 coverage. Laura Shepard, Megan Platz, Dylan Wallace, Lt. Harrison, Kelly Brenner for always working out, running calls and being available. I know I’m missing people, but a lot of people are putting in great effort and it’s good to see. Captain Spear also wants to thank all partner agencies who came to the Hell Canyon Fire including Pinewood Springs FD, LCSO, LCSO OEM, and USFS.

Treasurer’s Report – Reviewed May’s 2024 balance sheet(s) including, but not limited to governmental fund and schedule of capital assets, statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for general operations, operating reserve. Moved by Ryan Bross and seconded by Dave Hamrick to approve transactions listed in the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan –

- Response Times
- Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Program
- Public Education
- PIO program

POLICY UPDATES

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Brian Tseng thanked Chief Lasky on his 3 months with the department.

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The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24th. The July 10th meeting will be cancelled.

Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Dave Hamrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



David Hamrick, Secretary

The Mission of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to provide the citizens of and visitors to the Estes Valley with superior fire prevention, fire protection and emergency services in a safe and efficient manner."

"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."