

Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

March 23, 2022 5:30 p.m.

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

Board: Mike Richardson, Ed Ford, Jon Hodde, Larry Leaming, Dave Hamrick

Staff: Board Recording Secretary Goetz, Chief Wolf, Div. Chief Landkamer, Inspector Eshelman, Inspector Garber

Also Attending: Captain Spear, Mark Igel, Ryan Bross, and Brian Tseng

Absent: Jon Hodde

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

Mike Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Goetz performed roll call – Jon Hodde-absent excused

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

All members of the public introduced themselves with brief bios.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Ed Ford, seconded by Dave Hamrick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Dave Hamrick, seconded by Larry Leaming to approve the 2/23/2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations: The Prevention Division gave a PowerPoint presentation to highlight their community risk reduction matrix. They gave an overview of the issues they are facing and what they are working towards to improve conditions and processes in our community. There was an opportunity for questions that garnered some conversations between the board and public.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Report –

Administrative Division:

- Upcoming Events
 - Family Dinner April 5th at 1800, food prepared by Squad 2
 - Future dinners the first Tuesday of the month at 1800
 - Appreciation Dinner May 20th at the YMCA at 1800
- Other
 - Recruitment
 - Recruitment event Saturday April 9
 - Admin Assistant process update
 - Election
 - Cancelled, same number of candidates as seats
 - New board members sworn in May
 - After Action Reviews (AAR)
 - Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) Evacuation Notification discussion Friday 2/25
 - Review of major Larimer County incidents in 2020 & 2021
 - Lessons learned from Marshall Fire
 - Highlight best practices
 - Larimer County Sheriff Office (LCSO) AAR on Kruger Mountain on 3/11
 - Positive feedback on changes we've made since 2020 to improve
 - Discussion on risk management decisions regarding flights

Prevention Division:

- Division Chief of Support Services – Chief Landkamer started last week (3/14)
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - Updated CWPP requirements from Colorado Forest Service
- IAFC Ready, Set, Go! Grant
 - Kiosks permitting hold up, getting finalized
 - Receiving additional 1,800 copies of action guide from IAFC
 - Working to get more through Realtors group

Training Division:

- Weekly Training
 - Wrapped up wildland training with Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP)
 - Starting Rope Rescue Month
- Other Training
 - Completed Instructor I course with 11 students
 - Hosted Firefighter Rescue class with 24 students (sold out)
 - Hosting outside instructor for school bus and gas emergencies

Operations Division:

- Two chimney fires, multiple MVCs
- At 105 calls YTD – even with last year
- Challenge coins in honor of Kruger Mountain & Pilot Marc Olson
- Collaboration with Water Department
 - Adding two hydrants in Carriage Hills
 - Adding hydrant flags, project funded by Newcomers Group

Station & Apparatus:

- Recent progress photos on new Interface Engine and Tender
- Staff 72 vehicle purchased, on schedule for upfit
- Ground ladders tested today, aerial tomorrow
- Bureau of Reclamation Foam
 - Working to dispose of old foam and obtain new compliant foam
- Shed move
- CDOT snow gate install update

Volunteer Captain Report –

- Captain Spear stated that the two new apparatus on order will be ready for inspection in early May.

Treasurer's Report- Chief Wolf reviewed the February 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. Sales tax projections were discussed. Moved by Larry Leaming, seconded by Dave Hamrick to accept paid bills. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning:

Chief Wolf gave a recap of the Tuesday March 8th membership meeting that sparked lively conversation. Captain Spear gave his perspective of the concerns he has been hearing from the volunteers. Most concerns are focused on the operational objectives. Some of the questions raised were, Are these objectives flexible? Where is the data coming from? How will this affect us? Are they open for discussion?

Consensus was gained that we need to continue the discussions and that goals need to be set before solutions are proposed.

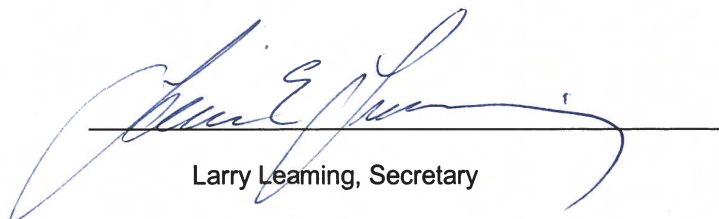
The next big meeting with the membership is set for May 31st. It was decided that in order to keep the process moving forward we should set aside time for smaller meetings before then. Chief Wolf and Captain Spear to facilitate these meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The next regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.



Larry Learning, 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."