

Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

June 8th, 2022 5:30 p.m.

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

Board: Jon Hodde, Larry Leaming, Dave Hamrick, Brian Tseng, Ryan Bross

Staff: Board Recording Secretary Goetz, Chief Wolf, Div. Chief Jon Landkamer

Also Attending: Captain Justin Kearney, Brian Schaffer

Absent: none

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

President Hodde called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Goetz performed roll call – all present

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Chief Wolf informed the board that the 2021 draft audit will be presented at the June 22nd meeting. We have gotten a verbal from our auditor that there are a couple minor changes to be made, but that the audit should be “unremarkable”. Our auditor however is not available to present at the meeting on the 22nd. The board has requested to have our auditor attend a later meeting for review and Q&A of the audit even if it’s after the audit has been filed with the State.

President Hodde gave a public thank you to Chief Wolf for his dedication to the fire service in obtaining his Chief Training Officer and Fire Marshal designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. This sentiment was echoed by the rest of the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Ryan Bross, seconded by Brian Tseng to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Larry Leaming, seconded by Brian Tseng to approve the 5/25/2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations: None

OLD BUSINESS

Second Review and Approval of Updated Active Membership Policy #301

No changes have been made to policy 301 since it was brought to the board on May 25th. Motion by Larry Leaming, seconded by Dave Hamrick to approve the updates to policy #301 active membership. Motion carried unanimously.

Second Review and Approval of Updated Volunteer Shift Policy #307

No changes have been made to policy 307 since it was brought to the board on May 25th. Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Larry Leaming to approve policy #307 volunteer shift policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Planning:

Chief Wolf opened the floor for comments and feedback in regard to strategic planning and the membership meeting held on May 31st.

Captain Kearney voiced that it was a big plan with a lot of changes. He believes that there will be a change to the culture with becoming a larger combination department.

Everyone agrees that prevention services are needed both in mitigation education and inspections.

Vice President Leaming stated that he believes that we need to define our ideal scenario, then figure out how to achieve it, then sell it.

Brian Tseng agrees that we need to define our needs first, then the funding is secondary. We need to be in front of anticipated needs and changes that will impact our service.

One of our current funding sources is sales tax from the Town of Estes Park via an IGA. It was proposed that we talk to the town board and see if they would increase the percentage sales tax given to us. It was proposed that we try to get on the schedule for a town board study session. Chief Wolf to arrange.

The board still wants feedback from the membership. The board implored Captain Kearney to make the membership aware that they can talk to board members with thoughts and/or concerns on the proposed plan. It was mentioned that we should send a survey to the membership and also the public to collect feedback. Chief Wolf to work with the board on questions to be included in a survey. It was proposed that questions are chunked by division and to have a section that would ask participants to rank items by priority.

Chief Wolf told the board that there is budget to work with an architect or firm to get a project scope done to see what the ask would be for facilities if we wanted to pursue that. The board gave approval to get a request for proposal (RFP).

Brian Tseng asked Chief Wolf what the possible grants specialist position looked like. What grants are available, what kind of funding do they bring in, how competitive are they, etc..

It was asked if the department has explored the possibility of forming a foundation to accept gifts and do more fundraising. Discussion ensued.


Brian Tseng praised Sr. Inspectors Eshleman and Garber for their integrity, expertise, and people skills in performing their work.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is on Wednesday June 22nd, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Brian Tseng to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Dave Hamrick, Secretary