Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District March 22, 2023 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff: Board Recording Secretary Goetz, Chief Wolf, Div. Chief Landkamer, Stacey Sutherland, Wesley Keller, Marinda Baxter

Also Attending: Captain Rick Spear, Marybeth Bruchwalski, Ron Bruchwalski, Mark (ZOOM), and Matthew Poust (ZOOM)

Absent: none

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

President Jonathan Hodde called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chief Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Goetz performed roll call -all present

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

No public comment

President Hodde thanked the three members of the board who attended the membership meeting on 3/21.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Dave Hamrick, seconded by Ryan Bross to approve the agenda with the addition of item 12A.5 to discuss a resolution in support of the ballot issue. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Larry Learning, seconded by Brian Tseng to approve the 2/22/2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations: Division Chief Jon Landkamer presented updates from the Prevention Division and Support Services Division to the board. The presentation was provided via PowerPoint. Highlights of the wildland program and the code program were reviewed. Grant status was given, the FR-WRM grant was successful, but we were not awarded the CWDG grant. A Mechanic was hired by the Town of Estes Park to support us with fleet maintenance. Office space has been rented and set-up of utilities has been started. Chief Landkamer provided opportunities to ask questions throughout the presentation.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Report -

Administrative Division:

- Upcoming Events
 - Family Dinner Tu April 4
 - Appreciation Dinner Fri May 12
 - Other
 - Incorporated Spanish translations for entire website
 - Working on getting more resources translated and available on our website

Training Division:

- Internal: March Wildland, April Driver Training
- Adding active shooter training based on recent incidents
- March 18 FF Survival, 22 registered, 6 Estes FFs
- March 25 Tricks of the Truck, 17 registered
- March 7 and March 21 meetings for membership and discussion of strategic plan

Operations Division:

- Grants: SAFER application submitted, expect decision in July or August 2023
- Starting to see increase in call volume normal for this time of year
- New members added 8 since January 1
- 1 experienced, 2 exterior 5 interior candidates
- Capo supported EPPD Deputy Chief process, will be helping with EPPD Captain process
- Capo presented at Bennett-Watkins Leadership Symposium

Volunteer Captain Report -

Captain Rick Spear noted that there has been lots of activity with the volunteers. Recent membership meeting, team building activities are being planned, and the type 6 truck committee.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Tseng 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.

Moved by Ryan Bross, seconded by Dave Hamrick to accept paid bills. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning

- League of Women Voters April 8 10-11 am, Q&A
- **Board Committees:** No new updates

POLICY UPDATES None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-05 Commitment to Wildfire Risk Reduction EVFPD & EVWC

Chief Wolf presented the resolution to the board. The resolution outlines our mutual commitment to wildfire risk reduction and the shared interests & priorities to reduce that risk. Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Larry Learning to approve resolution 2023-05. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of a Resolution of Support of the Ballot Issue

Jon Hodde stated that the board could draft a resolution in support (or opposition) to the ballot issue. Discussion took place that a resolution in support of the issue would be a good thing to draft, approve, and push out to the community. Brian Tseng volunteered to draft a resolution highlighting the EVFPD's commitment and support of our volunteers, our commitment to make the Estes Valley safer, to further educate the public on community risks and more. The draft will be presented and voted on at the April 12th meeting.

5 minute break

Executive Session "Section 24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S. for purposes of discussing the purchase of property."

Motion by Brian Tseng, seconded by Dave Hamrick to enter executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S. for purposes of discussion the purchase of property. Motion carried unanimously. Entered into executive session at 5:46pm

Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Brian Tseng to exit executive session at 6:12pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 6:13pm.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 4:30 pm.

Motion by Brian Tseng to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Learning. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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."