

**Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District**

**September 29, 2021 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:** Fire Chief Wolf, Board Recording Secretary Goetz

**Also Attending:** Ryan Bross and Brian Tseng via ZOOM

**Absent:** none

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

Due to the COVID-19 precautions this meeting was held in person for the board and via ZOOM for the public.

**Mike Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:47 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.

No board comment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Jon Hodde, seconded by Dave Hamrick to approve the 8/25/2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentations:** Chief Wolf presented the proposed 2022 budget to the board via PowerPoint.

Discussion of property tax valuations and how the sales tax estimates were determined took place. No major issues or concerns were voiced.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Chief Report –**

**Administrative Division:**

- Upcoming Events
  - Family dinners first Tuesday of month, cooked by Squads
    - Tuesday 10/5, 11/2
  - Spousal Appreciation Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Thanksgiving Potluck Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Other
  - SDA
    - Erika and Wolf attended
    - District receiving 2021 Collaboration Award
  - CORE testing for members this Saturday 10/2
  - Received Updated ISO Report, effective January 2022 (HANDOUT)
    - Maintained Rating of 03/10, top 14% nationally
    - Improved scores in both CRR and Operations since 2016
    - No rating change – without personnel

**Prevention Division:**

- Staff
  - New Inspectors getting settled in, building relationships
- Ready, Set, Go! Grant Program
  - Progress update emailed
  - “Final” version of PSA done

## - RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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- CWPP
  - First draft hazard maps completed
  - Provided feedback to The Ember Alliance on maps
  - Working with WiRe on educational outreach
  - Goal of completion summer 2022
- Community
  - Presented at Newcomers, Rotary, HOAs, and Town Board
  - Supporting HS Bonfire
- Construction
  - Working with Larimer County to improve Short Term Rental guidance
  - Town increased height to 42'
  - Insurance Companies increasing restrictions above IFC
    - Fire Mountain closing due to inability to renew insurance
      - Wildfire risk
      - Lack of interior sprinklers
      - Lack of fire protection water supply (hydrant or cistern)
    - Wildfire Subdivision
      - Insurance not allowing any exterior grills, regardless of fuel source

### **Training Division:**

- Weekly Training
  - September – Extrication
- External Classes (Hosting/Instructing)
  - Chief Wolf presented at SDA conference
  - Chief Wolf presenting at State Chiefs Leadership Conference
- Academy
  - *Exterior completed, added 5 new exterior members for EVFPD*
  - Interior starting tomorrow

### **Operations Division:**

- Calls Stats
  - 09/29/2021: 507
  - 09/29/2020: 433 (+17%)
  - 09/29/2019: 476 (+7%)
- Recruitment (CH72 to cover)
  - *Ethan Igel back at interior*
- Notable Incidents
  - *Support Larimer County search in Poudre*
  - Hay Barn Fire RMNP

### **Station & Apparatus:**

- Station 1
  - AC replacement project scheduled to be completed (budgeted project)
- Equipment
  - New gas monitors in service

### **Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief Report –**

Five new members completed the exterior portion of academy. Four will continue on to the interior portion.

We have 1 returning member, Ethan Igel in a yellow helmet.

Estes sent 4 swimmers to assist with a search in the Poudre Canyon. It was great experience for the members.

The Larimer County Dive program will be celebrating 50 years next year.

**Treasurer's Report-** Jon Hodde reviewed the August 2021 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 Ed Ford, seconded by Larry Leaming to accept paid bills. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Legislative Update**

- Already discussed SB21-293 and Prop 120 in Budget Presentation

- HB21-1110: ADA Website
  - Requires that website is accessible to all
  - People should be able to “perceive, understand, navigate, and interact with the Web,” as well as “contribute to the Web” — regardless of auditory, cognitive, neurological, physical, speech or visual disability
  - Website must be fully ADA compliant by July 2024
  - We were already looking at this, and found company to complete this year
- SB21-262: District Transparency
  - Additional annual report requirements
  - For 2022 reports filed in 2023

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Strategic Planning:**

- Draft document sent to all
- Focused on *WHY* we exist and *WHAT* we stand for
- Seeking feedback on high level before getting into *HOW* we’ll execute
- Next steps are defining multi-year objectives and single-year goals

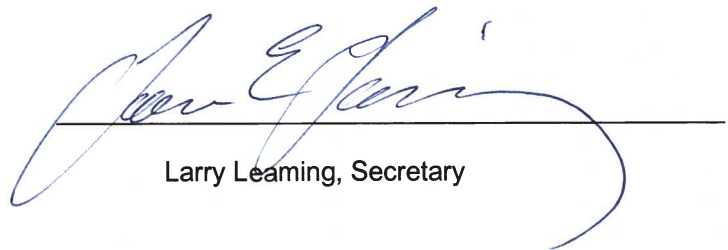
**NEW BUSINESS**

**Second Review of Update to Policy 302 Physical Fitness & Wellness**

Chief Wolf presented the second review of the update to policy 302 physical fitness & wellness. No changes since last meeting. Motion by Ed Ford, seconded by Larry Learning to approve policy 302 physical fitness & wellness as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday October 27th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.



Larry Learning, Secretary

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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.”*