



## Grand Lake Fire Protection District Pension Board Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2023

**201 W Portal Road, Public Viewing by Video Conference**

**Board Members Present:** Cathy Ross, Hecky Heckendorf, Shaul Hagen, Peter Trezoglou, Rich Beeson (remote)

**Additional Attendees:** Seth St. Germain, Dan Mayer, Krystal Steward, Chris Malucelli, Kevin Piercy

**Call to Order:** The regular board meeting was called to order at 1914.

**Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**Public Input and Opening Remarks:** There was no public input, and no opening remarks were made.

**Approval of August Minutes:** The minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Hecky Heckendorf moved to approve the minutes, and Peter Trezoglou seconded the motion. The minutes were approved at 1916.

**Financial Summary:** There were no questions from the board regarding the financial summary. Hecky Heckendorf moved to approve the August financials, which was seconded by Peter Trezoglou and approved.

**Chief's Report:** Chief St. Germain provided a summary of the end-of-year forecast, indicating a potential net positive of \$65,000 going to reserves.

Chief St. Germain's report included:

- Review of call volume
- Property tax legal changes
- Discussion of ESO inventory tracking software (approximately \$2,000 per year)
- Community events
- Hydrant testing
- Deployments
- EMS training
- Disposal of appliances
- Asphalt sealing and resurfacing
- Personnel updates

**Fire Marshal Report:** Dan Mayer discussed STR (Short-Term Rental) licensing for Grand County and the communication of fire and life safety inspection requirements. Anticipated an increase in STR inspections in unincorporated Grand County.

**Wildfire Report:** Seth St. Germain suggested that the board meet with Grand Fire's board. He discussed the drop in the national preparedness level and reviewed active fires and national cost increases. There was pressure from the federal government to decrease the CRRF (Colorado Resource for Firefighters) agreement costs, but DFPC (Division of Fire Prevention and Control) supported maintaining the current cost structure. Discussion included the joint wildland division and dynamic changes to the division and Grand Fire. The determination of wildfire threat levels, such as those on Smokey Bear signs, was also discussed.

**Preliminary 2024 Budget:** Chief St. Germain presented the preliminary 2024 budget.

**Adjournment:** Hecky Heckendorf moved to adjourn the board meeting at 1958.