



Grand Lake Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes from November 08, 2023

201 W Portal Road, Public Viewing by Video Conference

Called to Order: The regular board meeting was called to order at 1830

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

Others Present: Dan Mayer, Krystal Steward, Brian Faith, Sam Aslan, Jarred Nelson, and Joe Starika

Introduction: none

Opening Remarks: Board Chairman Heckendorf commenced the meeting with opening remarks expressing his satisfaction with the ballot results from the November election.

Public Input: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Approval of October Minutes: A motion was made by Shaul Hagen to approve the minutes from the October 11th meeting as presented, seconded by Cathy Ross. The minutes were approved at 1834.

Review and Approval of Financial Statements: The financial summary was reviewed. The October financials were presented, and a motion was made by Hecky Heckendorf to approve them as presented, seconded by Pete Trezoglou. The financials were approved at 1842.

Chief's Report: Brian Faith presented the Chief's report on behalf of Chief St. Germain, who was on vacation. He reported a total of 263 calls year-to-date, highlighted public education events in November, provided updates on training, and mentioned that Rescue 375 is now stored at Station 2 for the season. The trailer will be upfitted for sleds and winter rescues. Congratulations were extended to resident Hayden for achieving certification as a DFPC Firefighter 1.

Fire Marshal Report: The Fire Marshal report by Dan Mayer covered STRs inspections picking up in December and more in January and February. Community events, including Fire Prevention Week and the Friday the 13th pumpkin patch, were discussed. Mayer touched on the generator issue, damage to vehicle 365, and upcoming activities.

Wildland Report: Brian Faith delivered the Wildland Division report, mentioning the engine in Pagosa Springs and providing updates on fire activity in Colorado. Two more home assessments were completed, bringing the total to 25 for the year. Discussions focused on homeowner concerns over high insurance rates and strategies for reducing costs through property wildfire mitigation. The report also covered staff wildland training, collaboration with Grand Fire's operations section chief, and the closure of private pile burning.

Budget Hearing: A public hearing for the budget commenced at 1912, where differences between the draft budget and the final budget were discussed. The hearing was closed at 1919. A motion was made by Cathy to adopt resolutions 2023-11-08-A, -B, and -C, seconded by Cathy. The resolutions were approved unanimously at 1919.

Adjournment: Hecky Heckendorf called the meeting adjourned at 1920.