



Grand Lake Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2023

201 W Portal Road, Public Viewing by Video Conference

Called to Order: The regular board meeting was called to order at 1823

Board Members Present: Hecky Heckendorf (Remote), Rich Beeson, Pete Trezoglou, Cathy Ross, Shaul Hagen (Remote)

Others Present: Seth St. Germain, Krystal Steward, Dan Mayer, David Wolf, Chance Shaffner, Joe Starika, Lucas Schmitz

Introduction: none

Opening Remarks: Vice Chair Trezoglou is facilitating the meeting. He welcomed everyone, noting the chilly weather.

Public Input: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Approval of November Minutes: There was a motion to accept minutes from the November 8th meeting as presented. The motion was made by Cathy Ross and seconded by Pete Trezoglou. The minutes were unanimously approved at 1824.

Review and Approval of Financial Statements: The financial summary for November was provided by Executive Assistant Krystal Steward. There was a motion to approve it as presented, made by Cathy Ross and seconded by Pete Trezoglou. The motion was unanimously approved at 1828.

Chief's Report: The Chief expressed gratitude to board members for trust, dedication, and guidance. The Holiday Party is scheduled for this Friday. A thank-you letter from the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater for donations was read. Highlights included 2024 tax collections and deadline changes. There was a shared employee proposal with Grand Fire for a Special Operations Assistant Chief. The 2024 purchase plan is potentially ready by the January board meeting. Updates on contract discussions regarding Dr. Selenke as a joint paid medical director were provided. Community event and training updates, recent incidents, and apparatus repairs were discussed. A welcome was extended to the new reserve FF EMT, Cannon Stuckert.

Fire Marshal Report: The Fire Marshal report by Dan Mayer focused on the increase in short-term rental inspections. Work is ongoing to obtain estimates for repairing the damaged vehicle. Logistics of the Lake Granby recovery two weekends ago were discussed.

Wildland Report: Brian Faith delivered the Wildland Division report. The joint wildland division has been trending well all year. Administrative work for posting 2024 wildland seasonal hiring has been completed.

Collaboration with Chief David Wolf on the 2024 strategic plans is underway. Pile burning season opened on December 4th, with only two burn days meeting the necessary weather parameters.

Old Business: Tax assessment deadline changes were discussed in Chief's report. A quick update on the retirement HSA account was provided.

There was a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-12-13-A Relating to a Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan. The motion was made by Cathy Ross and seconded by Hecky Heckendorf. It was unanimously approved at 1904.

New Business: The IGA and job description for the shared employment of a joint Special Operations Assistant Chief were reviewed. There was a motion to approve the IGA, made by Pete Trezoglou and seconded by Cathy Ross. It was approved by all at 1908.

The Green and Associates Engagement Letter was also approved with a motion by Cathy Ross and a second by Pete Trezoglou. The motion was approved by all at 1909.

Changes to the United Business Bank accounts for Grand Lake Fire Protection District were discussed. A motion was made by Pete Trezoglou:

for all 6 current United Business Bank accounts for Grand Lake Fire Protection District to have Shaul Hagen and Seth St. Germain as authorized signers on the accounts and for Francis Heckendorf and Krystal Steward to be authorized viewers on the accounts and for Seth St. Germain and Krystal Steward to have access to online banking for all accounts. These should be the only parties with access or signature authority on these accounts.

The motion was seconded by Cathy Ross. These changes were approved by all at 1910.

Cathy Ross inquired about employee reactions to pay rate and insurance rates.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1913. The motion was made by Pete Trezoglou and seconded by Cathy Ross. The meeting was adjourned at 1913.