



Grand Lake Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2024

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: Shaul Hagen, Hecky Heckendorf, Cathy Ross (remote), Pete Trezoglou (remote), Rich Beeson (remote)

Others Present: Seth St. Germain, Krystal Steward, Brian Faith, Dan Mayer, David Wolf

Introduction: none

Opening Remarks: Chairman Heckendorf expressed gratitude to the Chief for addressing inquiries from local homeowners regarding Short-Term Rentals (STRs). Acknowledging the presence of misinformation, he appreciated the Chief's support in clarifying the matter.

Public Input: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Staff Presentation: Prior to the official commencement of the meeting, Chief St. Germain delivered a brief introduction on the LifePak machine, highlighting its features such as ECG, defibrillation, CO2 monitoring, and Bluetooth connectivity for patient care reports.

Review and Approval of January Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, with a motion to approve as presented by Pete Trezoglou, seconded by Shaul Hagen. The minutes were unanimously approved at 1832 hours.

Review and Approval of Financial Statements: Krystal Steward provided a summary of the January financial statements. Pete Trezoglou motioned to approve January's financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Shaul Hagen. The financial statements were unanimously approved at 1837 hours.

Chief's Report: Chief St. Germain reported 14 more incidents compared to the same period last year. He recognizes Emily Hagen and Krystal Steward for their efforts in advertising public education days. Gratitude was extended to Dr. Selenke for her significant support and commitment, as well as to Brian Faith and David Wolf for their contributions to planning the upcoming wildland season. Updates were provided on the 2022-2024 strategic plan spending documents and the ongoing preparation of the 2024 annual newsletter. Additionally, upcoming meetings with other fire chiefs were mentioned, along with recent activities such as EMS standby for pond hockey and training plans for the month.

Fire Marshal Report: Dan Mayer provided an update on a vehicle undergoing repairs, expected to be back in service by the end of the following week. Discussion ensued regarding STR inspections, county licensing costs, and

clarifying responsibilities between the town, county, and fire district. Efforts to address the concerns of STR owners were highlighted.

Wildland Report: Brian Faith reported progress on pile burning activities and outlined the seasonal hiring schedule and operational dates. He discussed the nationwide wildland fire potential map, noting below-normal danger levels in certain regions compared to the previous year. Updates were also provided on Headwaters Rescue Authority and other meeting attendances.

Old Business: None

New Business: The resolution to Establish Fees for Inspections of Short-term Rental Housing as Required by Grand County and the Town of Grand Lake as Part of Their Respective Short-term Rental Permitting Programs, superseding and replacing previous versions, was discussed and motioned to approve by Hecky Heckendorf, seconded by Cathy Ross, and unanimously approved at 1904 hours.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1904 hours by Hecky Heckendorf.