



Board Meeting Minutes Grand Lake Fire Station No. 1 201 West Portal Rd., Grand Lake, CO August 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order: Meeting Called to order at **18:40**.

Members present: Daid Craig, Chris Ruske, Mindy Nelson, Hecky Heckendorf

Others present: Chief Ratzmann, Assistant Chief St. Germain, Krystal Constenius, Mark Piller, Will Essary, Drew Mustari

Members Absent: None

Board Chairman's Opening Remarks:

- Chairman Craig commented that Chief Ratzmann agreed to the scheduled executive session regarding his salary to be held without his attendance.
- Board member Hecky Heckendorf did not have access to his Grand Lake Fire email over the last month and thus was unable to receive updates and board packets before the meeting. This was resolved immediately and the task of confirming email access is to be added to the New Board Member Onboarding list.

Changes to Agenda

- Chairman Craig requested, in the interest of allowing time for the executive session, that the Chief's Report be limited to highlights instead of full explanations. All agreed.

Public Input:

- None

Approve minutes from previous month's meeting:

- The minutes from July 10, 2019 were reviewed. Chris Ruske made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Dick Romshek seconded the motion. Approved by all at **18:45**.

Review and approve bills and financial statements:

- July financials were presented. A note was made that wildland mitigation revenues were reflected in the Balance Sheet, but not the Budget to Actual. A motion was made by Mindy Nelson to accept financials as presented. Dick Romshek seconded motion, approved by all at **18:49**.

Chief's report:

- See attached for full report
- County Commissioners at past meeting gave attorney and County Manager power to grant ambulance license to GLFPD without requiring another Commissioners Meeting.

- All community groups that the administration has been in contact with have been in favor of GLFPD providing EMS services and the increased mill levy.
- Constitution Week: GLFPD will be selling barbecue and competing in the barbecue competition with the assistance of Keith Everheart. Proceeds to benefit the Employee Welfare Account.
- Discussion regarding volunteer communication ensued.
- Assistant Chief St. Germain gave an update on local mitigation projects, see attached, and is assisting the local communities who GLFPD provides mitigation services to in completing grant applications fulfilled by Grand County Wildfire Council. He also informed the board of the possibility of being added to the Federal Mitigation Crew for 2020 and how the local mitigation projects build the portfolio for this potential avenue for new revenues.
- After Lt. Starika resigned from Grand Lake Fire, there is now a need to have an Engine Boss on staff or available to work with Grand Lake Fire as needed.

Old Business:

- Discussion on the bond initiative: The board set a special meeting for Monday August 19th at 9:30 a.m. to vote on the Bond Initiative election and County IGA.

New Business:

- None

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters:

- A motion was made by David Craig to go into Executive Session under Statutory Authority §24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters of Chief Ratzmann's 6-month review and Lt. Starika's exit interview. Seconded by Dick Romshek, approved by all at **19:22**.
- The Board returned from Executive Session at **22:22**.

New Business after Executive Session, if any:

- David Craig motions to increase Chief Ratzmann's annual salary to the amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Mindy Nelson. Approved by all at **22:22**.
- David Craig motions to provide Melissa Ratzmann with \$1,000 for her services to the District. Seconded by Hecky Heckendorf. Approved by all at **22:22**.

Adjourn

- Mindy Nelson made the motion to adjourn the board meeting and Dick Romshek seconded. Approved by all. General meeting adjourned at **22:22**.

