

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District

November 11, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517

**Board:** Mike Richardson, Ed Ford, Jon Hodde, Larry Leaming

**Staff:** Fire Chief Wolf, Board Recording Secretary Goetz

**Also Attending via ZOOM platform: Randy Brigham, Asst. Chief Jon Landkamer**

**Absent: none**

The following minutes reflect the order of the agenda and not necessarily the chronological sequence of the meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 precautions this meeting was held as a hybrid meeting.

**Ed Ford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

**Chief Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Secretary Goetz performed roll call – all present**

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT**

Public comment- Chief Landkamer asked the board to listen to public comment when it came to filling the board vacancy.

No board comments

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Mike Richardson, seconded by Larry Leaming to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Larry Leaming, seconded by Mike Richardson to approve the 10/28/2020 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentations:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Extension of Disaster Declaration**

While we are operating under a disaster declaration the board needs to formally extend the order at each board meeting.

Motion by Jon Hodde, seconded by Mike Richardson to extend resolution 20-02 continuation of declaration of local disaster emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Extension of Wildfire Disaster Declaration**

Chief Wolf recommended that the board let this declaration expire as the wildfire threat has decreased dramatically. The board agreed and no action was taken, thus this disaster declaration has expired.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Fill Board Vacancy by Appointment**

President Ford verified that the board members received and were aware that Doug Klink withdrew his name from consideration. President Ford opened the floor for board discussion. Larry Leaming commented that he thinks there should be a more formal process for filling vacancies. Nothing takes the place of having a face to face interview/discussion with prospective candidates where you can get a feeling of their position on board governance. Mike Richardson felt comfortable moving forward with the process of filling the vacancy at tonight's meeting.

Jon Hodde didn't disagree with wanting a more formal process moving forward but isn't uncomfortable with making a decision tonight.

President Ford opened the floor for public comment. Randy Brigham stated that he would welcome a different process as well. Chief Landkamer asked the board if they had any questions about his letter. He also stated that the board should look for diversity and community engagement and to what best serves the community.

President Ford again opened the floor to board discussion, hearing none he asked for a motion.

Motion by Jon Hodde, seconded by Mike Richardson to appoint Dave Hamrick to the board.

Yay-3, Nay-0, Abstention-1. Motion carried by majority.

**Active Membership Policy**

Chief Wolf presented to the board the active membership policy and how COVID has affected our call volume. Paged calls are down 25%, therefore Chief Wolf proposes a modification to 75% of target to be in good standing for the year of 2020. Written change noted as appendix B of policy #301-Active Membership for the year 2020 only. The board had no questions or comment. Chief Wolf will bring this to the board on 11/24/2020 for approval.

**Reallocation of Funds**

Chief Wolf and President Ford expressed the desire to gift the membership with grocery gift cards for the holidays in absence of our regularly holidays gatherings due to COVID. Motion by Jon Hodde, seconded by Larry Leaming to reallocate funds from the holiday party, spousal appreciation, FF recruitment, officer & staff meal budget line items to purchase \$200 grocery gift cards (Safeway or Country Market) for all volunteers and staff (one per household). Motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday November 25th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Dannels Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57p.m.



Mike Richardson, Vice President of the Board

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*"The Mission of the Board of Directors of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to establish policy, goals, strategies and financial leadership that are the foundation for the long-term sustainability of the District."*