

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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**Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District**  
**February 24, 2021 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, Dave Hamrick

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

**Also Attending via ZOOM platform:** Assist. 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 ZOOM meeting.

**Mike Richardson 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**

No public comment.

No board comment.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Ed Ford, seconded by Jon Hodde to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Larry Leaming, seconded by Dave Hamrick to approve the 1/27/2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentations:** none

## **REPORTS**

### **Fire Chief Report –**

#### **Administrative Division:**

- Upcoming Events
  - Strategic Planning F 2/26 1200-1700
  - Awards Banquet F 3/5 1900 start
- Other
  - Attended Congressman Neguse's wildfire summit

#### **Prevention Division:**

- Ready, Set, Go! Grant Program
  - Guidebook in process
  - Kiosk approved, design in process
  - Evacuation tabletop, planned for late April
- NFPA Community Risk Assessment Grant Program
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- Public Education
  - Presentation to League of Women Voters, 2/17
- CWPP
  - Update effort led by EV Watershed Coalition

#### **Training Division:**

- Weekly Training
  - February FF Survival and Rescue
  - March Wildland
- External Classes (Hosting/Instructing)
  - March Officer Development
- Training Lieutenant started this week (2/22)

**Operations Division:**

- Calls Stats
  - 02/24/2021: 77 (+26%)
  - 02/24/2020: 61
  - RMNP visitation stats
    - 2019: 4,670,053
    - 2020: 3,305,199 (-29%) – not the whole story
    - Jan/Feb, up 9% (no timed entry)
    - Mar/Apr/May, full closure parts of month, down 51%
    - Jul/Aug/Sept/Oct, down 28% (timed entry)
    - Nov/Dec, up 33% (no timed entry)
    - Without timed entry and COVID closures, up 21%
- Recruitment
  - Received seven applications to date
  - Increased push on social media and through members
  - Working to update recruitment video, highlight desire for members of all kinds
- Notable Incidents
  - Structure Fire, MacGregor Drive
  - MVC Highway 36 with Pinewood Springs
- Residency Program
  - One resident
- Other
  - After Action Review with LCSO/LCES on evacuations 02/17
  - PODs update with NPS and USFS in March
  - 7012 position filled by Brad Harris

**Station & Apparatus:**

- Apparatus
  - E71 crash
    - Investigation conducted and completed.
    - Working with officer group to define necessary policy changes to avoid in future
    - Submitted to insurance
    - In service until parts come in for repairs
  - E723 & T72 Order
    - Submitted order to Pierce to get ball rolling (14 months)
    - Plan to assemble apparatus committee of volunteers
    - Have time before chassis arrives and construction starts

**Treasurer's Report-** Jon Hodde reviewed the January 2021 balance sheet(s) including, but not limited to: governmental funds and schedule of capital assets, statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for general operations, operating reserve, Tabor and capital reserve were also provided. Sales tax projections were discussed. Moved by Dave Hamrick, seconded by Ed Ford to accept paid bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Extension of COVID-19 Disaster Declaration**

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

Motion by Ed Ford, seconded by Larry Learning to extend resolution 20-02 continuation of declaration of local disaster emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

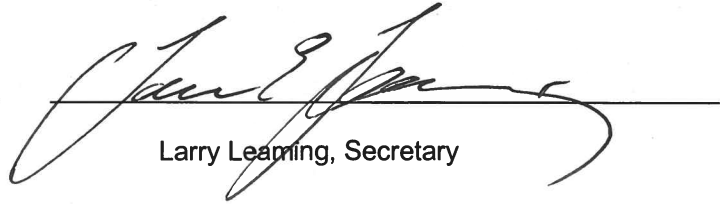
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The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a work session on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 starting at noon to discuss strategic planning.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.



Larry Learning, Secretary

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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."*