

Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District

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BOARD MEETING

Minutes

October 4, 2021

Attendance:

Kevin Bush, Chairman
Steve Black, Vice Chairman
Eric Barnes, Director and Treasurer
Doug May, Director and Business Affairs (Excused)
Justin Morrill, Director and Secretary
Barry Pleshek, Chief
Lucinda Stancato, Fire Mitigation Officer
Kevin Walker, Walker Schooler District Managers (WSDM)

- I. Opening Ceremony at 19:00.
- II. Verification of Quorum. The meeting was conducted in person. A quorum of the Board was present with Director May excused.
- III. Chairman Bush confirmed that reaffirmation of the Declaration of Emergency Procedures and Authorized Telephonic Meetings are no longer needed since we are meeting in person.
- IV. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting: The Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. Chairman Bush noted that he was the speaker under New Business item B, and Director Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Morrill moved to accept the August 2, 2021 Board meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Director Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Operations Report
 1. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Financials: Mr. Walker presented the District's financials including the current balance and payables. The Board discussed the payment to the City that is owed at the end of the year. Mr. Walker will check with his accounting staff to determine where that payment is referenced on the balance sheet. Chairman Bush noted the price for the furnace replacement is higher than expected due to needing a new flute. The Board discussed amending the 2021 budget for the higher expense.
 - b. Approve Expenditures: After review, Director Morrill moved to approve the expenditures as presented; seconded by Director Black. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Chief's Report: The Board reviewed the Incidents Report.

3. Fire Mitigation / Medical Report: The Board discussed the Public Fire Mitigation meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021.

VI. Old Business

1. Excluded Tax Properties
 - a. Colton Bluff Properties – Held public hearing 8/2
 - b. Dusty Hills Properties – Held public hearing 8/2
 - c. Remaining Steps: Mr. Walker requested signatures from the Board on the Resolution that was adopted at the August meeting. The Resolution will then be filed at the Clerk and Recorder.
2. Neighborhood Address Signs – Eagle Scout Project: The Board discussed the neighborhood address signs. 50% of the community has received signs. Additional people were registered for signs at the Thunderbird picnic, as well as from an email blast to the community.
3. Website Management: There were no updates.
4. WSDM interest in purchasing the WVFD Fire House: There were no updates.
5. Furnace Replacement: The furnace replacement is scheduled for this weekend.
 - a. Delayed due to questions about CO entering combustion chamber and air returns.
 - b. Affordable Plumbing declined to quote due to location in truck bay.
 - c. Sierra Mechanical got approval for sealed combustion unit: The quote is closer to \$5,000 due to not being able to use the existing flue because it is only 3 inches, and 4 inches is needed.
6. Station Monitoring
 - a. Wi-Fi access via Nursing Center, Lucinda's house, CenturyLink or cellular. The Board discussed that Simplisafe should be able to run only on cellular and does not require Wi-Fi.
 - b. Simplisafe monitoring, Motion approving \$750 plus \$25 monthly at 6/7 Meeting: The Board discussed a gas outage at the building and utilizing Simplisafe for monitoring and preventing a freeze at the building. The Board agreed to verify the cellular connection and then order Simplisafe monitoring including motion and temperature sensors.
7. CSFD Use of Fire Station: The Board discussed the possibility of CSFD utilizing the Fire Station for vehicle storage. The Board discussed the conversation with Chief Dubai and the issue of taking on additional liability with insurance for the building.
8. El Paso County Wildfire/Egress recommendations for WVFPD: Chairman Bush reported he is still waiting on the report from El Paso County Wildfire on the egress recommendations.

VII. New Business

1. 2021 Revised Budget Required: Mr. Walker and the Board engaged in discussion regarding the 2021 projected end of year budget and the required revised budget.
2. 2022 Proposed Budget Presentation: Mr. Walker and the Board engaged in discussion regarding the 2022 proposed budget. Mr. Walker noted the budget item for Elections will be increased due to the upcoming 2022 Election. The Budget Hearing will be held at the next Board meeting on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
3. 2021 WVFPD/CSFD Public Mitigation Meeting: The Board discussed the Public Fire Mitigation meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
 - a. Approve Mailing
 - b. Agenda Topics: The City will speak about fire mitigation and getting people registered for the chipping program. The House District 20 representative will be speaking on the fire mitigation initiative going on at the state level and the broadband initiative. Mr. Walker recommended the Board advertise and provide notice of the meeting as a Special Board Meeting.
4. City Proposing Higher Taxes for Mitigation: Mr. Walker explained the City is not proposing higher taxes for mitigation but keeping the taxes over their TABOR limit to cover it. The Board discussed ways to contribute to fire mitigation.
5. City Evacuation Model Insufficient: The Board engaged in discussion regarding concerns that the City's evacuation model is insufficient. Chairman Bush noted he is working with the County and speaking with the Wildland Fire Teams.
6. The Board discussed needing a debit card for the monthly debits from Simplisafe. The Board agreed to authorize Mr. Walker to obtain a debit card with a \$500 limit.
7. Mr. Walker discussed the redistricting efforts and noted he spoke at a meeting about keeping Woodmen Valley and the Thunderbird Estates communities together with the districts associated with Rockrimmon and Mountain Shadows instead of the districts that are associated with Monument and Manitou.

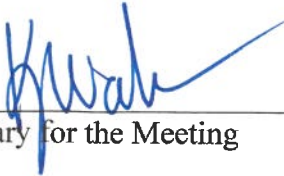
VIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date

- December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Public Budget Hearing)

IX. Adjournment: Director Black moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Morrill. Chairman Bush declared the meeting adjourned at 20:15.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____


Secretary for the Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL OCTOBER 4, 2021 MINUTES OF THE WOODMEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIGNING BELOW:



Kevin Bush, Chairman



Justin Morrill, Director and Secretary



Eric Barnes, Director and Treasurer

Steve Black, Vice Chairman



Doug May, Director