

# Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District

1150 W. Woodmen Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

719-522-9666

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2022

### Attendance:

Kevin Bush, Chairman

Steve Black, Vice Chairman (Excused)

Eric Barnes, Director and Treasurer

Doug May, Director and Business Affairs

Justin Morrill, Director and Secretary

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 Black excused.
- III. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
  - a. December 6, 2021: The Board tabled the approval of the December 6, 2021 Minutes to allow more time for review.
  - b. February 7, 2022: The Board noted corrections to the Minutes. Director Barnes moved to approve the February 7, 2022 Minutes as amended; seconded by Director May. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Operations Report
  1. Treasurer's Report
    - a. Financials: Mr. Walker presented the District's financials including the current balance and payables.
    - b. Approve Payables: Mr. Walker presented the Payables. The Board requested Mr. Walker inquire about the bank charges. After review, Director May moved to approve the Payables as presented; seconded by Chairman Bush. Motion passed unanimously.
  2. Chief's Report: The Board reviewed the Incidents Report.
    - a. 1Q22 CSFD Performance: The Board reviewed the first quarter Colorado Springs Fire Department Report.
  3. Fire Mitigation / Medical Report: Fire Mitigation Officer Stancato was unable to attend the Board meeting. The Board discussed Fire Mitigation and the recent drive through the community with Dan Batten, new Deputy Fire Marshall for El Paso County. He noted that evacuation is the most important thing because it is not possible to mitigate completely from fire. The Board discussed labor grants available to help with fire mitigation in large dense areas, but the laborers are reformed prisoners. Another option is to hire a consultant to put together a plan on how to mitigate the neighborhood as well

as an evacuation strategy. The Board discussed needing a permanent easement before constructing a road or crossing for an additional exit. The Board requested a proposal for both fire mitigation and evacuation plans to possibly be paid for or reimbursed with grant money.

## V. Old Business

1. Excluded Tax Properties – IN PROCESS: There was no discussion.
  - a. Colton Bluff Properties – Held public hearing 8/2
  - b. Dusty Hills Properties – Held public hearing 8/2
  - c. Remaining Steps
2. Website Management – SELECTED NEW VENDOR – MIGRATING NOW: The website is currently transitioning to a new vendor, HostGator.
  - a. Problems with email blocking? – New vendor
  - b. New Wordpress platform? – New vendor supports Wordpress
  - c. Train Justin as administrator – On hold
3. Station Monitoring – WAITING ON NURSING CENTER WIFI: The Board discussed that cameras require WiFi. Director noted T-Mobile is now providing 5G in the area.
  - a. WiFi access via Nursing Center, Lucinda’s house, CenturyLink or cellular?
    - i. Nursing Center offered WiFi access. Working out logistics with IT Mgr.
  - b. Simplisafe monitoring? Motion approving \$750 plus \$25 monthly at 6/7 Meeting
    - ii. Simplisafe recently raised monitoring to \$28 monthly
4. CSFD Use of Fire Station – WAITING ON IGA AMENDMENT FROM CSFD: There were no updates.
5. El Paso County Wildfire/Egress recommendations for WVFPPD: There was no additional discussion.
6. Northfield/Southfield Emergency Egress: There was no additional discussion.
7. 2022 BOD Director Election
  - a. The Election was cancelled, and Directors Barnes and May were elected by acclamation.
  - b. Swear in after May 3 and before June 3.
8. State Grants
  - a. The Board discussed grant possibilities during the Fire Mitigation Report.
9. Cara Carulo Mitigation Awareness Study – IN PROCESS
10. Garage Door Repair – DONE

## VI. New Business

1. The Board discussed WiFi access from the Nursing Center and that a new \$3,000 computer will need to be installed to improve the signal on that side of the building. The Nursing Center is willing to provide this, but they would like to be able to park a few select cars in front of the station temporarily. They would also like to store a piece of equipment at the Station. The Board discussed scheduling a workday to clean out trash and old equipment to make space before the fire brush trucks come in.
2. The Board discussed the current agreement with the City. There was information that it might be possible to extend the term of the agreement, perhaps for as long as 50 years. The issue that would still remain is the cancellation period being removed or extended. Discussion by the Board about trying to remove the cancellation clause. President Bush noted that he was meeting with the Chief Dubay in the coming months to discuss further.

VII. Upcoming Deadlines: The Board reviewed the upcoming deadlines.

VIII. Confirm Upcoming Meeting Dates: The Board discussed hosting a holiday dinner event in October for National Fire Safety Month instead of December.

- June 6
- August 1
- October 3
- December 5 with 2023 Public Budget Hearing

IX. Adjournment: Director Barnes moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Morrill. Chairman Bush declared the meeting adjourned at 20:12.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Kevin Walker

Secretary for the Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL APRIL 4, 2022 MINUTES OF THE WOODMEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIGNING BELOW:

Kevin M. Bush

Kevin M. Bush (Jan 18, 2023 10:58 MST)

Kevin Bush, Chairman

Justin S. Morrill, Jr.

Justin S. Morrill, Jr. (Jan 19, 2023 07:13 MST)

Justin Morrill, Director and Secretary

Eric A. Barnes

Eric A. Barnes (Jan 18, 2023 18:49 MST)

Eric Barnes, Director and Treasurer

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Steve Black, Vice Chairman



[Doug May \(Jan 30, 2023 14:24 EST\)](#)

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Doug May, Director


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