



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOVEMBER 20, 2012

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Fire Protection District was held on November 20, 2012 at the Administration/Training Building, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff deDisse, Charles Dykeman, George Kling and Charlie Simons

DIRECTOR EXCUSED: Dave Christensen

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Weege, Brendan Campbell, Michael Persichitte, Paul Wisor, Sandy Barnes, Michelle Parker, Ed Mills, Robert Jorgensen, Jeff Ashford, Cheryl Denbow, Bryce Lipson, Evan Soibelman, Christy McCormick, Lynn Rehkopf, Richard Hansen, Sean Wood, Mike Mendelsohn, Rob Dorney, Carol Hucker

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER President Kling called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2012-0005:** This resolution authorizes the board of directors to pursue refunding of district bonds for the purpose of lowering the interest rates. Mr. Persichitte, of George K. Baum and Company, and Mr. Wisor, of Sherman and Howard LLC, explained how the process will proceed. Bonds will be authorized within specific parameters regarding the rates, repayment, premiums. The statement (POS) of the State of the District will be posted on December 7, 2012. The District has a AA2 rating at present for investors which is a high quality instrument and desirable for the stability of the investment. This speaks well of how the district has managed its finances over the years. The greater the number of investors that purchase the bonds the better the interest rate for the District. Anticipated savings is approximately \$75,000 per year. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2012-0005 by Director Simons, the motion was seconded by Director Dykeman. The vote was called: Director Simons – aye; Director Dykeman – aye; Director Kling – aye; Director deDisse – aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Training Building Update: Director Simons read a "Letter of Agreement" that a committee of Director Simons, Director Dykeman, Chief Weege, Michelle Parker, Lynn Rehkopf, Ward Rehkopf, Tanya Kaanta, and Julie Maus have drafted in meetings in an effort to address some items of concern by neighbors regarding construction of the training building and how these issues can be mitigated. This has also been an effort to head off a divisive recall that will cost the district a minimum of \$70,000. Mr. Kling interjected that the list contains good faith negotiations with some expensive concessions on the department, despite the lack of good faith negotiations on the part of the group mounting a recall. A list of 20 actions, on the part of EFR, have been put suggested. **1)** Lower the height of the building from 4 stories to 3 with a maximum height of 35 feet with the exterior clad to resemble adjacent buildings and colors. **2)** Design a fencing structure for sound and light mitigation. **3)** Modify the training schedule as needed to accommodate school activities, burn bans, etc. **4)** Distribute email correspondence to area when scheduled burns occur. **5)** Test water, ground soil, and air quality at Station 2 periodically. Discussion about the retention pond: The retention pond will not be lined as this is contradictory to its design and purpose. **6)** Place air monitoring equipment at Station 2. Discussion: Air quality testing may be pointless as 90% of the time the building will not be in use and when it is we may or may not be emitting smoke based on the training that is taking place. Mrs. Rehkopf expressed concerns about particulates and carbon monoxide. **7)** Continue the use

of video cameras for security purposes. **8)** Commit to no more than 12 burns per year and while the actions or decisions of this group may not be enforced upon future Boards of Directors it will be recommended that a public hearing be held if and when discussion is made concerning increasing the number of burns per year. Discussion: the 12 live fire burns refers to burns within the facility not fires that take place on the slab area outside of the building. Discussion: the Board of Directors will recommend that future board of directors hold public hearings if the department at some time feels the total number of burns should increase. Discussion: the burns may occur multiple times in one month and then there may be months when none occur. **9)** Plant trees on the North and Northeast corner of the property. Discussion: this work has been contracted for and is underway. **10)** Place lights inward on the training scene when possible. Discussion: the lights are required for firefighter safety but we will make an effort to minimize when possible. There are specific exercises that will require lights be between the station and the training building and directed toward the building in order to eliminate shadows and simulate actual fire scenes. Sometimes there will be lights but we will do our best to be aware. **11)** Position the building vent area toward the station and away from neighbors to reduce noise from saws. **12)** Burn wood such as lodge pole or beetle killed pines, or clean pallets. Excelsior may be used to augment fire effects and start time. **13)** Do not combine theatrical smoke with live fire training. Discussion: If it is conclusively proven that smoke and heat can be combined in a nontoxic form will the community reconsider this point? Mrs. Rehkopf felt this was a key point with the community members and should not be removed from discussion and that the statement should not be altered to reflect future changes in smoke and heat combinations. **14)** Do not use oil based theatrical fog. **15)** Purchase and use water based fog machines only. **16)** Follow suggested manufacturer's protocol for cleaning and calibrating fog machine. **17)** Make safety procedures available to the public. **18)** Ensure that all Live Fire instructors are appropriately trained. **19)** Keep training records. **20)** Continue dialogue with the community. The Community Committee will take the following actions: **1)** Halt the recall of EFR Board Members. **2)** Maintain open communication with EFR, respecting the EFR mandate to provide safe training in order to protect the community and fire fighters. **3)** Notify dispatch if SOGs are not being followed.

Further discussion ensued with questions to Lynn Rehkopf from the Board of Directors and the members of the public present. Firefighter Soibelman expressed concerns that it was a slippery slope when the public begins telling professionals how to train for their jobs. Firefighter Wood expressed that this document being discussed can't be called an agreement as the community members who have worked on this are not formal representatives for a group or HOA. Mrs. Rehkopf expressed that the committee does not have influence over the recall and has spoken with that group but does not know if they can be persuaded. The discussion continued at length.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Director Simons made a motion to adjourn; Director deDisse seconded the motion; the motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Carol Hucker
Administrative Specialist