



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE EVERGREEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
JANUARY 8, 2013**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Fire Protection District was held on January 8, 2013 at the Administration/Training Building, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado.

**ATTENDANCE**

**DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jeff deDisse. Charles Dykeman, David Christensen, George Kling

**EXCUSED DIRECTORS:** Charlie Simons

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Johnson, Robert Gottsman, Jeff Ashford, Matt Swinden, Evan Soibelman, Frank Dearborn, Christy McCormick, Mike Weege, Sandy Barnes, Sylvia Ross.

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

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION:** The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Gottman asked about:

- Status of Radio Project - will be discussed in the Chiefs Report
- Station 1 – nothing to report
- Website Agendas – will be added to the website by Carol.
- The comment Mr. Gottsman made for the record regarding the Training Facility was incorrect and has been removed from the minutes. The correct comment on the Financial aspects of the Training Building were as follows: He disagrees with final resolution to spend \$500K that has been made and he doesn't understand how the recall will cost \$288,000 or \$70,000, and why the district doesn't look for a new site for this building. But the Board is going to get what it wants where it wants it. He continued by saying he still likes the Board and the work they provide. A discussion ensued regarding the Bond refinance and the money saved to the district taxpayers and that if the district found another site the money would come from fundraising efforts. If the community needs it and the fire department wants it, its up to the community to pay for it.
- Evan Soibelman commented that the money used for the recall was money earmarked for firefighter safety gear, station remodel things of that nature. He continued by saying that he along with the firefighters support the board and their decision. They will back the board 100% and that his feelings are that all five of the current board members will still be seated as board members at the end of this recall. He continued by saying that after spending \$200K of taxpayer money, that when this is all said and done that the people for the recall just go away. It is compromising firefighter safety by spending that money out of our capital fund to pay for the recall, and the fact that it is moving on is just going to make the dept drive harder to make sure the current board stays. The

interesting thing is that people around the District support the firefighters and the current Board. It was a tough decision but the right decision to move forward with the building. Bob Gottsman replied that he is not going anywhere and that there are two sides to this either side could have stopped this. More discussion ensued between them.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- December 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved as presented.

**PRESENTATIONS:** The November 2012 Financial Report was presented. There were no questions. Director Dykeman made a motion to accept and place the financial report on file; Director Christensen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **DIVISION REPORT**

#### **Administration/HR:**

- Radio programming training is set for Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. New dual band radios will be distributed for use.
- Bond refinance is completed. Percentage savings dropped due to market fluctuation prior to locking in, but the District will still save \$655,000 over the 10 year life of the bond. this dropped the mil levy from 1.66 to 1.46
- Bond and insurance paperwork has been received from the training building contractor.
- Website calendar has been posted with meeting and training schedules for 2013. The public is projected to continue with high demand for facility usage based on space reserved for the first 2 months of the year.
- Stevenson Dam damage update. The valve has been fixed the Brook Forest water district has paid for the repair. They still want our insurance company to pay for \$5000 in legal fees; our insurance company is asking for maintenance records, pictures of the damage and any proof that Evergreen Fire was responsible for the damage.

#### **Communications:**

- The new Patriot 911 phone system is in place and still working out some minor bugs.
- The transition was smooth and the vendors were very accommodating.
- Two new part timers have been hired and will begin training – both have a wealth of experience in dispatching.
- As of 12/26/12 the call for service count is 2204.
- The JCECA has approved funding our purchase of the new admin phone system.

#### **EMS:**

- EMT Class will be held here at Evergreen Fire this spring.
- MCI training this Saturday at Wilmot Elementary.

#### **Fire Prevention:**

- Will be starting residential and commercial fire inspections and drawing reviews for Elk Creek Fire District middle of January.
- Christmas with Firefighters program was a huge success.
- Currently reviewing a residential sprinkler drawing for a new 12,400 sq ft home.
- Fire prevention section recognized Mike Mendelsohn and Bryce Lipson for their outstanding support to the prevention section.

#### **Maintenance:**

- Colton Langlois has been added to the Maintenance Team as the third mechanic effective December 19th.

### **Fire Operations Update:**

- A wildland class that will be hosted by us has been set for the end of February; the instructors will be Bill Maron and Tony Pispaco. This particular class (S-231) is geared towards tactical leadership of an Engine or Crew. Captain Keith Haugrud is the coordinator for this training.
- One particular CO related call a few days before Christmas is noteworthy, coincidentally; this is the family of Jay Griggs. This was one of those typical CO alarms going off we respond to all the time however this one was definitely different. Wisely dispatch requested they evacuate the structure, fire responded with several POV's and Engine 8. At the door our reading was 100 parts per million (ppm), 200 ppm within 5 feet of the door. Packing up it was found the gas stove was malfunctioning with a reading of 999 ppm (the meters max); the levels within the house were at lethal levels. A Christmas tragedy was averted; this is what it is all about. A thank you letter was received from Jay and distributed to the responders on this call. (see kudos at end of report)
- Training schedules for Fire and Rescue operations will soon be published.
- An initial inquiry for interest in the Reserves Group went out to retirees with several expressing interest, the list includes several talented former firefighters like Fred Patterson, George Stone, John Bakas and Jeff Stutz. In addition we will likely have several current FF's who will exercise this option. An orientation meeting will take place in January with applicants and Senior Officers.
- Recruiting for the September 2013 class will commence in June, Peter Rueth will again be the point of contact.
- Calls year to date are slightly above last years, the largest contributor to this number was the amount of smoke checks we responded to earlier in the year.
- Lastly, we should all consider this year a success, with all the calls for service and some extremely challenging fires, all of our firefighters went home to their families.

### **VHF Radio Conversion Update:**

- Radios will be programmed this week. Once they are programmed the dual-band radios can be distributed for mutual aid reasons.
- The area of risk currently is over-running the grant period relative to funding.
- Working with UASI on getting one more extension through June 2013.
- Microwave equipment is up and is in place.

### **BOARD MEETING TOPICS:**

Active Topics:	Initiated	Scheduled/ Completed	Recommendations
Strategic Planning Meeting	Mar-10	TBD	Strategic Plan will be for ten years instead of 5.
Handbook Revisions	May-12	Feb-13	HR Updating

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution 2013-0001: Designating Posting Locations for District Board Meetings: Director Dykeman made a motion to approve the resolution as presented; Director Christensen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- 2013 Board Meeting Dates: Approved as presented.
- 2012 Audit: John Cutler and Assoc approved as the 2012 Auditor.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- Jeff deDisse thanked everyone for a successful year and for Jeff Ashfords service as the Fire Ops Chief.
- Chick Dykeman also thanked everyone at EFR for a great year.
- George Kling reiterated what both of the other board members said to thank everyone.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Director deDisse made a motion to adjourn; Director Christensen seconded the motion; the motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

Volunteer Pension Board Meeting February 12 at 6:30 pm Rooms A & B  
Regular District Board Meeting February 12 at 7pm in Training Rooms A & B

Respectively Submitted,  
Sylvia Ross, Recording Secretary