



Oak Creek Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting Minutes May 09 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Oak Creek Fire Protection District was held at 131 E Main Street Oak Creek CO on May 9, 2023

Attendees

Attendees included David Wolfson, President; Tim Vander Graaf, Treasurer; Mike Kellner, Member, Mike Roach, Member.

Members not in attendance

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Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed and approved:

April 11 2023

Financial Review

Karrie Littman presented the Board with the current Financial Statements and reported that the money has been a little tight but the next installment of tax distribution will be coming in on the 10th and so the district did not have to tap into the Colo Trust account at this time. Most of the line items are coming in under budget because of a conscientious effort to watch spending.

Chief Glauthier updated the Board on the new law the Governor has drafted to cap the amount of tax distributions the special districts such as fire districts can bring in. Jim Mann, the district financial planner advised that the impact would be minimal to Oak Creek Fire since the mil levy was voted in by the citizens. Because of the increase in market value to all properties in Routt County, especially in South Routt, the anticipated increase in tax revenues will be 25-30% next year.

Election Update

Karrie administered Oaths to the four newly elected Board of Directors, David Wolfson, Michael Roach, Eric Kimsey & David Park. Welcome to the new Board! And a big thank you was given to the outgoing Board Members who have served the District well over the past years, Tim Vander Graaf & Mike Kellner.

Chief's Report

- **Crew & Calls:** The Chief reported that the call volume was quiet at this time but expected it to increase as the tourist/summer season began. He then introduced Ian Satterfield as the new Battalion Chief of the Wildland Division and also the new Captain Kenyon Shephard also of the Wildland Division. Welcome aboard Gentlemen. The hiring of the mitigation crew has occurred, and the crew is at 11.
- **Fire Camp/Bible Camp:** The mitigation crew has taken up residency at the Elam Bible Camp on Lynx Pass and is settling in now that the snow is starting to subside. Moral is good up there.

Jim Scrafford, Project Manager for the Man Camp reported that he has been addressing the easement issues that have arisen and has suggested that until this is resolved, or an alternative site is found that progress should be suspended. Mr. Scrafford and others suggested some other sites but would like to see resolution to the issue and move forward on the original site. He will know more in a couple of weeks.

- **New Station/ Remodel:** Chief Glauthier reported that Bear Survey has completed the survey of the lot in Oak Creek. And the architect will have rendering soon for the Board to see. These will include bays for apparatuses, and housing for the firefighters. The Stagecoach remodel will also have more bays for apparatuses, housing for firefighters and admin offices. There is funding available for shovel ready projects in the Inflation Reduction Act + State of Colorado 10% add along with grants for these types of projects. It is anticipated to be a three-year project.
- **Mitigation & Deployments:**
 - The mitigation crew of 8 members will be leaving on Sat for SW Minnesota and the District has the Tender, Type 3 & Type 6 on the board for deployments.
 - The Stagecoach Ski Hill, Stagecoach Homeowners Assoc, The Gates Ranch, The Sanctuary have all contracted with the District for mitigation work this summer. The Chief is also in discussion with a couple of other large ranch owners that are looking for mitigation work this summer.

- The District has contracted with the City of Avon for mechanic work on the District's apparatuses going forward. The District will get priority and the mechanics are certified to work on the apparatuses.
- Establish Auto Aid Between Oak Creek Fire & Yampa Fire: Chief Glauthier reported that per a conversation with Chief Cox of Yampa Fire, he is planning to address the Mutual Aid at the next Board meeting.
- New Website: The District has onboarded with Streamline Platform for a new website manager. There was a miscommunication regarding the cost of the chosen template, but this was resolved by the president of the company making good on the original terms agreed on. So, this new website should be live within a couple of weeks and will be much more user friendly, brings the District in compliance with new ADA expectations and improved transparency. It will integrate with the Routt County Alert system and the District's Facebook and other social media platforms.
- David Park asked about the new station address in the previous minutes as Nancy Crawford Blvd and this was corrected to state the address as Colfax Ave. The Chief also reiterated that with the growth in South Routt he expects the call volume to grow to 1000 calls a year for the two stations of the Oak Creek Fire in 10 years.
- David Wolfson asked about the sale of the second man camp unit. The Chief stated that there has been no time to move that project along. Mr. Scrafford added that the value would not be affected much if it was sold next year, and it may be needed if the mitigation crews were expanded in the upcoming years.

Community Input

None to report

Adjournment

7:28 pm

President- David Wolfson

Date of approval