

Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District

1150 W. Woodmen Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

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BOARD MEETING

Minutes

August 2, 2021

Attendance:

Kevin Bush, Chairman
Steve Black, Vice Chairman
Eric Barnes, Director and Treasurer
Doug May, Director and Business Affairs
Justin Morrill, Director and Secretary (Excused)
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.
- 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 June 7, 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Walker clarified that he was not interested in purchasing the WVFD at this time. Vice Chairman Black made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Director May, and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's Report:
 - A. Mr. Walker reviewed the District's finances including current balance and accounts payable and noted there was an error on the printout. The sign project was paid and is included in the finances. The Board reviewed a quote for the sealed combustion unit for the furnace and discussed whether or not to get it replaced. A motion to approve funding for the replacement of the heating system in the building not to exceed \$6,000 was made by Director Barnes and seconded by Vice Chairman Black. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed the expenditures and agreed to have them paid.
- VI. Operations Report: The Board reviewed the incidents report. Fire Mitigation Officer Stancato reported that she has not received any additional information on fire mitigation.
- VII. Old Business:

- A. Excluded Tax Properties
 - i. Colton Bluff Properties
 - ii. Dusty Hills Properties
 - iii. Approve Tax Exclusion

Chairman Bush opened a Public Hearing on the four property owners requesting exclusions. After no public comment, Chairman Bush closed the Public Hearing. Mr. Walker presented the four exclusion petitions and the Resolution to the Board. Mr. Walker confirmed the meeting was properly advertised and the exclusions were reviewed by legal, and the City acknowledged they will provide service. Director moved to approve the exclusions of property and to adopt the Resolution; seconded by Chairman Bush. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Neighborhood Address Signs: Director May reported the signs are in progress and should be completed by mid-September. Feedback has been positive, and a few residents have changed their mind and would now like a sign.
- C. Website Management: There were no updates.
- D. WSDM interest in purchasing the WVFD Fire House. Mr. Walker has decided that he is not interested in purchasing the WVFD at this time. Chairman Bush reported he was contacted by an interested buyer to store cars. The City may also be interested in using the fire house to store extra wildland fire equipment. The Board discussed the possibility of a proposal or rental agreement with the City for storage.
- E. Furnace Replacement: The Board approved the replacement of the furnace. There was no additional discussion.
- F. Station Monitoring
 - i. The garage door service was completed.

VIII. New Business

- A. Chairman Bush nominated Director Barnes as the designated 2020 Budget Officer; seconded by Vice Chairman Black. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. El Paso County Wildland Fire Team Evaluation: Chairman Bush reported that he rode through the area with the Wildland Fire Team, and they provided positive feedback on the fire mitigation efforts as well as the egresses. He requested the Wildland Fire Team provide a report back to the District so they can provide it to the City of Colorado Springs. The Board discussed reminding residents to not have overhead cover that prevents a fire truck from accessing the area and having a wide and accessible driveway.
- C. The Board discussed upcoming deadlines. The Thunderbird Pine Creek Picnic will be on Sunday, September 19th. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021.

IX. Adjournment: Director Barnes moved that the meeting be adjourned, Director May seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bush declared the meeting adjourned at 20:15.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Kevin Walker
Secretary for the Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL AUGUST 2, 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