

**RECORD OF MINUTES**  
**Elk Creek Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 24, 2024, In person and via Zoom**

Call to Order at 6:03 PM

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Elk Creek Fire Protection District (ECFPD) was called to order by President Greg Pixley at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024. The meeting was held in both physical attendance and via Zoom virtual meeting pursuant to statutory notice.

Pledge of Allegiance

A Moment of Silence for Fallen Responders

Roll Call of Board Members

In physical attendance were President Greg Pixley, Vice President Dominique Devaney, Treasurer Sharon Woods, Secretary Melissa Baker and Director Chuck Newby.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by all Board members in attendance. No additions or deletions were made to the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Public Comment Period

Citizens shared concern that the board is moving forward with unification, support for the Fire Chiefs recommendation for unification, concern about misinformation reflected in the September meeting minutes in Appendix A pertaining to unification's impact on the current mill levy, a reminder to the public that Save Elk Creek Fire was fined by the Colorado Secretary of State for violating campaign finance law. Another citizen spoke on behalf of a group of professional firefighters (both volunteers and paid) and EMS personnel, (100% of the 59 respondents to the survey) from Elk Creek, North Fork and Intercanyon in support of a unified District in order to provide the necessary response for the area's growing needs. The current status quo is not working well and the professional firefighters and EMS personnel represented believe they would be much more effective as a single unified district. Finally, a Citizen echoed support for those in the field who believe a unified District is the best path to provide the needed service for the area. This citizen clarified that the current Unification effort is not the same as Consolidation that was voted on by the Citizens which only lost in Elk Creek's District by a very narrow margin of 45 votes because it does not include a mill levy increase.

Citizens who provided public comment include Neil Whitehead III, Al Leo, Ken Shine, Philip Koch

### Minutes of the September Board Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes without the appendix provided by Director Newby by Treasurer Sharon Woods. The motion was seconded by Vice President Dominique Devaney. There was discussion on the motion. Treasurer Woods rescinded the motion. A new motion was made by Treasurer Woods to amend the minutes to state that Director Newby spoke in opposition and remove the appendix. Vice President Dominique Devaney seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion.

### YAYs

Vice President Dominique Devaney  
Treasurer Sharon Woods  
Secretary Melissa Baker

### NAH's

Director Chuck Newby

The motion passes.

### Financial Matters

A motion to approve the District's September expenses was made by Treasurer Sharon Woods and seconded by Vice President Dominique Devaney. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information on the monthly financial activities of the district is contained within the Treasurer's Report and is on file with the District.

### Chiefs Report

Chief Ware shared a written report that is included in the Board packet that gives an update on call volume, average response time, incident summary, training, mutual aid and prevention. Two members have completed the Denver Healthcare Medic Program which will lead to 2 more Advanced Life Support providers on the paid staff. Congratulations to Firefighter MaCaulay as well as Firefighter Smith.

### Old Business

None.

## New Business

The Board reviewed the preliminary proposed 2025 Budget. Treasurer Sharon Woods asked to be included in the budgeting process. The Budget Hearing will be at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Vice President Dominique Devaney requested a side by side with 2024 numbers for review separate from the board packet.

## Executive Session

Vice President Dominique Devaney made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., for the purposes of conferencing with the District's attorney on specific legal questions regarding questions raised about the unification process, such advice constituting privileged attorney-client communications. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Sharon Woods at 6:55p.

Yays – Vice President Dominique Devaney  
Treasurer Sharon Woods  
Secretary Melissa Baker

Director Chuck Newby did not vote and left the board room.

The motion carried with a two-thirds majority and the Board entered into an executive session from 6:55 p.m. until 7:40 p.m.

Vice President Dominique Devaney made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Treasurer Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification of the Executive Session is included as Appendix A of the meeting minutes.

The Regular Meeting of the Elk Creek Board of Directors was called back to order at 7:43p

Vice President Dominique Devaney shared there will be a report posted to the District's website by November 1<sup>st</sup> to address questions pertaining to the public hearing on November 21st.

## Director's Report

Director Newby provided a Statement Regarding certain recent communications from Elk Creek Fire Protection District. See Appendix B.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting a motion was made by Vice President Dominique Devaney and seconded by Treasurer Sharon Woods to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Pixley", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Pixley - President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Baker - Secretary