

**Elk Creek Fire Protection District**  
**July 13, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

1.0 Call to Order at 6:40 PM

- 1.1 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 6:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023. The meeting was held in both physical attendance and via Zoom virtual meeting pursuant to statutory notice.
- 1.2 In physical attendance were President Greg Pixley, Vice President Dominique Devaney, Treasurer Sharon Woods, Secretary Melissa Baker and Director Chuck Newby. Also attending in the Board Room were Chief Jacob Ware, Pension Trustees Lt. Kevin Devaney and Lt. Colt Thiel, and District Attorney John Chmil.

2.0 Agenda

- 2.1 The agenda was accepted by consent.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 3.1 A motion to approve the June 8, 2023 Minutes as presented was made by Treasurer Woods, seconded by Vice President Devaney, and was approved with only Director Baker abstaining from the vote.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 A motion to approve the July 13, 2023, Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Woods was made by Vice President Devaney, seconded by Secretary Baker, and was approved unanimously. The report included a review of funds, bills for payment, financial summary, and other revenue and expenses. Information on the monthly financial activities of the District is contained within the Treasurer's Report and is on file with the District.

5.0 Promotions

- 5.1 Officers Thiel, Beckwith, and Jones were promoted to the position of Station Lieutenant. Lieutenant Shine was promoted to volunteer Captain. Congratulations gentlemen and thank you for your service on behalf of the Elk Creek Fire Protection District Board.

6.0 Chiefs Report

- 6.1 ECFPDs Wildland Fire Module has been recognized as a Type 2 Wildland Fire Module. It is only the second nonfederal resource to obtain this classification. Congratulations to Captain Papenfus and the entire Wildland Module. Thank you for your service on behalf of the Elk Creek Fire Protection District Board.

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- 6.2 ECFPD has been awarded a grant that will cover 35% of the cost of a new ambulance. This will replace the 2009 rig with an estimated delivery in 2024. Thank you to Lt. Hartley for the successful submission of this grant.
- 6.3 Chief Ware informed the Board that two Firefighter/EMT-B's were hired, returning the District to full staff for this role. A second mechanic was also hired to assist Fleet Manager Hojnowski. It should be noted that all three hires were local residents. The remaining Firefighter/Paramedic position remains open.
- 6.4 Chief Ware presented his report to the Board of Directors, which included updates on call volume, average response time, incident summary, training, preventions, chipping, and fleet/facilities maintenance. Information on the full report is contained within the Chiefs Report and is on file with the District.
- 6.5 Chief Ware answered Director Newby's inquiries to the status of the strategic plan and the work session regarding cost recovery. Chief Ware advised that there has been a struggle identifying third party agencies available to aid in a strategic plan. Chief Ware stated that all of the information is ready to bring to the Board for a work session. This will be scheduled in the future.

7.0 Public Comment – Matters before the Board

- 7.1 Four citizens from the District addressed the Board with comments and concerns regarding consolidation, communication, and the cost/benefit impact of the new Federal Type 2 Wildland certification.

8.0 Old Business

- 8.1 Discussion regarding the ballot language for the upcoming consolidation proposal was held. Attorney Chmil explained the process for the ballot and the certification language. A Special meeting regarding potential fees has not been scheduled to date as to provide time for the necessary parties the opportunity to collect data.

- 8.2 A request was made to post the transparency link available in the minutes.

- 8.2.1 <https://elkcreekfpd.colorado.gov/transparency/intergovernmental-agreements-igas>

- 8.2.2 <https://elkcreekfpd.colorado.gov/transparency/meeting-minutes-and-agendas>

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 A motion was made by Treasurer Woods, with a second by Secretary Baker to approve the budgeted purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Marshall not to exceed \$50,000. Discussion was held regarding the scope and specs. The motion passed unanimously.

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- 9.2 A motion was made by Vice President Devaney, with a second by Treasurer Woods to approve the budgeted purchase of a new ambulance to replace the 2009 ambulance, not to exceed \$250,000. This purchase is supported by a RETAC Grant in the amount of \$125,000. Discussion was held regarding the scope and specs. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9.3 Director Newby brought to the Board a motion to disclose consolidated related information, second by Vice President Devaney. Discussion was held regarding the nature of the request, information requested and the scope of the demand. The motion failed with 1 yes (Newby), 2 no (Woods, Baker), and 1 abstention (Devaney). Director Newby provided the Board with a summary of his requests. Attached as appendix A.

10.0 Public Comment – New Topics of Discussion

- 10.1 Two citizens from the District addressed the Board with comments regarding concerns over the financials and the consolidation.
- 11.0 There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Pixley – President

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Dominique Devaney – Vice President

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Sharon Woods – Treasurer

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Melissa Baker - Secretary

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Charles Newby - Director