

RECORD OF MINUTES
Elk Creek Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
November 10th, 2022 In person and via Zoom

Director Pixley called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order on November 10th, 2022 at 18:00 hours immediately following the Pension Board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Greg Pixley
Kent Wagner
Sharon Woods
Melissa Baker
Chuck Newby

Also Present:

Jacob Ware, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge led by Greg Pixley

AGENDA

All board members reviewed the Agenda. Revision was requested to IX. New Business #2. To change "Approval" of FAML I program to "Discussion"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the October 2022 regular meeting minutes. (Director Wagner seconded by Director Woods) **MOTION PASSED**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

MOTION to approve the October 2022 expenses. (Director Baker seconded by Director Wagner)
MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

1. SCBA Purchase. **MOTION** to amend October approval of \$160,000 to \$180,000 for additional 26 units of SBCA (Director Newby seconded by Director Woods) **MOTION PASSED.**
2. 2023 Budget Hearing. Board reviewed a preliminary 2023 budget that includes:
 - Expenses for adding a new full-time fire marshal and full-time service mechanic to be shared between Inter-Canyon Fire District and North Fork Fire District.
 - There will be a change in how we are budgeting capital expenses. In place of earmarking large expenses in the budget, Chief Ware is suggesting large expenses be brought before the board for approval at the time of the needed expenses.

- One item of note under capital expenses, \$300,000 is being allocated for a new ambulance and power cot.
3. Community Outreach and Engagement Committee
The committee is moving forward on a new website with the intention of launching in December.
 4. Consolidation Committee
 - First phase of the Community survey to launch within the next 1-2 weeks. Board members for the Districts have been reviewing the questions.
 - Next step is further discussion on administrative alignment and getting the District administrators together to review payroll companies.
 - The Conifer Area Council Survey included a question about consolidation that currently has a 90% positive response for consolidation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 Audit Engagement Letter **MOTION** to approve the 2022 Audit Engagement (Director Newby seconded by Director Woods) **MOTION PASSED.**
2. Discussion of the FAML I program. Colorado voters approved Proposition 118 in November of 2020 for a state-run Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAML I) program. The program requires all employers to provide paid Family and Medical leave. Employers can choose to opt out of the program before the end of 2022 if they currently offer this benefit. The board discussed if this program would be in addition to the current benefits or in place of the current benefits. The Board discussed if this would apply to seasonal workers or only full-time employees. Further information and research are needed to determine if the District should opt out of the program. FAML I program discussion tabled until the December Board meeting.

CITIZEN ISSUES

1. It was brought to the Board's attention that Chief Shirlaw at Inter-Canyon Fire District has posted to the community that consolidation would require 24 rotating staff where there are currently 8.
2. There was a question about if the consolidation survey would know the district of the person completing the survey? In addition, there was a suggestion to include a link to Jefferson County's Address Look-up website so someone could determine their district.
3. Concern was expressed about the demographics of the citizens completing the survey and if the survey addresses other services.
4. There was a question about how the questions included in the survey affect the Mil Levy that sunset in 2025.
5. It was suggested to the District to review open space land on the north side of Meyer Ranch for a fire station
6. The Board was informed that the developer for the Bike Park is still including ECFPD as a partner in their promotional materials.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Director Woods; seconded by Director Wagner) to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting of the Board of Directors concluded at 19:34 hours

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ELK CREEK FIRE PROTECTION**

DISTRICT

BY: /s/

Melissa Baker

Secretary of the District.

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