

Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District

1150 W. Woodmen Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

719-522-9666

BOARD MEETING Minutes

August 3, 2020

Attendance:

Kevin Bush, Chairman
Steve Black, Vice Chairman (absent and excused)
Eric Barnes, Director and Treasurer
Doug May, Director and Business Affairs
Justin Morrill, Director and Secretary
Barry Pleshek, Chief
Kevin Walker, Walker Schooler District Managers (WSDM)

- I. Opening Ceremony at 19:00.
- II. Verification of Quorum. The meeting was conducted virtually, with streaming audio and video as well as with call-in telephone access. All Board members present confirmed that they could hear and participate in the proceedings.
- III. Director Bush reaffirmed Declaration of Emergency Procedures and Authorized Telephonic Meetings

*Resolution No 3-2020 Declaring Emergency Procedures
and Authorizing Teleconferencing for Regular and Special
Meetings until Further Notice*
- IV. Minutes of previous Board Meeting: The minutes of the Board meeting of June 1, 2020 was reviewed. Chairman Bush made a motion to approve them, and the motion was seconded by Director May. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Because of an employee's medical emergency, Mr. Walker did not have the detailed report, but summarized the District's finances as follows: WVFPD has \$111,255 collected from taxes, which is 92% of the projection, as well as \$6,108 ownership tax collected, which is 72% of the projection. He noted that the El Paso County Treasurer delayed tax collections as part of the COVID-19 relief program, and we expect tax collection to be on track by the end of the year. Mr. Walker reported that the District is in good financial condition and has sufficient funds. Mr. Walker committed to follow up and send each Board member a copy of the detailed report via email.
- VI. Operations report: Chief Pleshek presented the CSFD incident report for WVFPD for Q2, 2020. No issues were noted. See attached summary.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Excluded Tax Properties: Mr. Walker stated that he sent the December letter notifying the remaining properties but has not heard back. He stated that he has also sent the revised exclusion filing for Dusty

Hills and has notified the owner via email and U.S. Mail. He has not heard back, however. Mr. Walker assured the Board that he had retained copies of all these communications.

- B. Neighborhood Address Signs: No change.
- C. Website Management: Emergency Delay with no progress.
- D. May 2020 Elections: Mr. Walker, the Designated Election Official (DEO), reported that he has resubmitted all the necessary paperwork following the denial of submission of the first filing, but has not gotten an acceptance back. He will check on progress.
- E. Adding Rebecca Hardekopf and removing Laurie VonPelt for access electronic review access to the WVFPD FirstBank account: Chairman Bush reported that this has not been done yet.
- F. CSFD Chipping Program: Still on track for 10/26 start.
 - a. Residents need to be notified that if they are not participating in the chipping program, they should report personal hours and expenses incurred doing wildland fire mitigation to Ashley Whitworth (ashley.whitworth@coloradosprings.gov or 719-385-7281) to help the neighborhood maintain its “Fire Wise” status.
- G. Red Phone Book / Email List Server Progress:
 - a. Fire Mitigation Officer Kathie Walker has collected contact information for a large portion of the neighborhoods and is working to complete the project. Information from this will be used to update the WVFPD mailing list and the “Red Book” phonebook which will be distributed to residents later this year.
 - b. Director Bush is evaluating several commercial email server products and will choose one to use for the future.

VIII. New Business

- A. Ratification of all Motions and Resolutions enacted via teleconferencing during April 6, 2020 BOD meeting. – DELAYED FOR NEXT PHYSICAL MEETING.
 - B. Ratification of all Motions and Resolutions enacted via teleconferencing during June 1, 2020 BOD meeting. – DELAYED FOR NEXT PHYSICAL MEETING.
 - C. Election of BOD Officers – DELAY FOR NEXT PHYSICAL MEETING
 - D. Mr. Walker informed the Board that the State Legislature is reconsidering the Gallagher amendment. They are trying to pass a bill to keep residential tax rate at 7.15%. If they are unsuccessful, and it goes below 6%, we may need to change the tax Mil Levy. The vote on this will be in November.
- IX. Adjournment: Director Morrill moved that the meeting be adjourned, Director May seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bush declared the meeting adjourned at 19:40.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Secretary for the Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL August 3, 2020 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 and Business Affairs