



• **Roll Call:**

Iain Irwin-Powell

Todd Wieseler

Guy Falsetti

Presented via Zoom

## **Nederland Fire Protection District**

### **Board of Directors Special Meeting August 18, 2021**

- Quorum Announced & Meeting called to order @ 1905
- Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda with the addition of Ray Willis and Henry Zurbrugg Resigning. Approved by Vote 3-0.
- Public Comment
  - > Nancy Emerson-Kress spoke about her belief that Chief Dirr should be reinstated and Iain should resign.
  - > George Newell spoke about his belief that Chief Dirr should be reinstated.
  - > Alex Olivas spoke about the Volunteers' appreciation to the Board.
  - > Ryan Roberts spoke about his support for the termination of Chief Dirr.

- > Travis Brock spoke about Eldora Ski Patrol's commitment to working productively with NFPD.
- > Iain spoke about how difficult the decision to terminate Chief Dirr was. He spoke about his feeling it is time for NFPD to move forward and that he feels the Department can be a center for excellence of firefighting in the mountains.
- > Guy spoke about his hope for the future of the Department.
- > Todd spoke also about his hope for the future and that NFPD will be stronger for this change.
- > Captain Charlie Schmidtmann spoke about the positives of Chief Dirr but also the mistakes he has made. He felt for the Department to move forward and become the best Department it can be that the decision to terminate Chief Dirr was necessary.

• **Treasurer's Report as of 7-31-21**

- > Savings \$806,175
- > Capital Reserve \$6,579
- > Total Reserve \$216,419
- > Total Unreserved Funds \$582,959
- > Income \$904,071 YTD thru 7-31-21
- > Expenses \$469,143 YTD thru 7-31-21

• **Operational Report by Captain Schmidtmann**

- > 244 calls YTD
- > Excellent response on car fire
- > Sugarloaf's ATV for sale is too slow to be worth buying

- > Testing proceeding
- > 5641 was back in service but has a potential problem with rear brake
- > 5617 has been repaired and is back in service
- > 5621 should be ready for pickup 8-20
- > 5652 rear window is broken
- > 5624 has a new leak
- > 5632 is out of service due to a battery issue
- > 5602 has a caution light issue
- > 5642 still needs a part to be replaced

• **New Business**

- > Ray Willis and Henry Zurbrugg have resigned. Iain thanked them both for their years of service. Iain then read a letter from Ray to the NFPD Board. Ray was recognized for his 36 years of service.
- > Iain recognized the Nederland Board of Trustees for their funding assistance. Rik Henrickson agreed to stay on as Fire Marshall for 30 hours per week for the time being.

\* **Continuing Business**

- > Need to begin the process of finding a new Interim Chief. Iain put some feelers out and did receive some positive feedback. Phase 1 will be with an Interim Chief and Phase 2 would be if the Interim Chief is not a good candidate for the permanent Chief.
- > A Motion was made to Approve Phase 1&2 with CPS by a vote of 3-0.
- > Iain asked the Board to meet with the two candidates that have already expressed interest.
- > Discussed ESO Firehouse software issue. Guy and Kyle are working directly

on this.

> Eldora Town would like to have a meeting at Station 3 which was approved.

> Next topic was regarding Department clothing specifically an order for new hats. \$1200 for 40 hats.

Motion to approve the purchase of new hats. It passed 3-0.

> Vehicle Loan Policy to be discussed with the Interim Chief.

> Ladder Testing is scheduled for Sept 6 and Kyle is organizing the mask tests.

> Strategies are being worked on for covering shifts.

> Iain is working on the Board vacancies.

> There are six new recruits in the interview process.

> Iain reached out to the neighboring Districts and invited them to contact us if they need anything. In closing Iain said he was so proud of the career staff and membership for stepping up at this important time.

- **Future Business**

- > Vehicle Replacement

- **Public Comment**

- > Laurelyn Sayah wanted to acknowledge Chief Dirr for his service.

***Meeting adjourned at 2052 hrs & Next Meeting is September 15, 2021***

***@ 1900 hrs***