



Nederland Fire Protection District

Board of Directors Meeting May 19th, 2021

- **Roll Call:**

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| Iain Irwin-Powell | President | present via Zoom |
| Patrick Richardson | Vice President | present via Zoom |
| Todd Wieseler | Treasurer | present via Zoom |
| Ray Willis | Secretary | present via Zoom |
| Henry Zurbrugg | Director | present via Zoom |
| Rick Dirr | Chief | present via Zoom |
- **Meeting called to order @ 1901**
- **Review and correction of April 21st, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**
 - The Vote of paying off the Remainder of Wildland Funds was corrected from 5-0-0 to 4-1-0.
- **Motion to Approve April 21st, 2021 meeting minutes as amended**
 - Approved 5-0-0

- **Treasurers Report**

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| Savings | \$469,065.75 |
| Checking | \$24,887.60 |
| Capital Reserves | \$6,579.72 |
| Total Funds | \$500,533.07 |
| Total Reserves | \$237,454.98 |
| Total Unreserved Funds | \$191,590.69 |

- **Chief's Report:**
 - New Hire Shift Officer has completed Background check and testing, and is scheduled to start the first week of June.
 - Lieutenant Dan Vinnola has resigned: therefore, the position of a Shift Officer has been re-posted.
 - Considering the option of hiring Part Time Officers.
 - Fire Marshal/Inspector Rik Henrikson has forwarded a notice of resignation, with a proposal of a "Reduction of Duties, effective May 28th, 2021. Rik has also agreed to help cover some partial shifts while we look for another Shift Officer.
 - NFPD has an individual who has made an interest in taking over Rik Henrikson's duties, and Rik has agreed to oversee that transition.
 - Chief Dirr had a hearing regarding the EMS Grant for the Lucas Chest Compressor, and believes it went well.

- New Life Pack 15s have been put in service.
 - Ambulance Inspections have been completed
 - 5631 is currently Out of Service, with Severe Front-End Oscillations.
 - 5641 has a Steering Issue
 - 5660, Command 1, the Tacoma, was rear ended back in November, and is finally scheduled for Body Shop Repairs.
 - On May 15th, NFPD completed the remainder of the annual RT-130 Wildland Refresher
 - Rik Henrikson has been working with the Town Of Nederland, to implement the “Wildland Urban Interface Codes”, into the Town Codes.
 - Chief Dirr has a meeting with the Town of Nederland’s Mayor Chris Larson, and Congressman Neguse, regarding Funding for the Bid Springs Egress Route.
 - B.E.S. conducted a Swift Water Training Exercise
 - The New Recruits continue to Train, and Show Up, and are doing well.
 - Chief Dirr is working on an EMS Training Group.
 - Chief Dirr is working on an agreement with AMR to order some Medical Supplies at a Reduced Cost.
 - Current Firehouse Software is reaching its “End of Life”, and support will end as of January 2022.
 - ESO is the company who bought out Firehouse, and they have their own software, and will Migrate our current Data for us.
 - It appears that the New Hire Shift Officer has some experience with the Software we will most likely be selecting.
 - It appears that the Employee Assistance/Peer Support Program we recently negotiated out of Denver & Greenwich Village, has not played out too well. Consequently, Chief Dirr is negotiating with Northern Colorado Peer Support Group, however they wish to be on a Retainer Basis, which is a significant expense, however there are a number of surrounding agencies that are currently using them.
 - Henry Zurbrugg asked whether NFPD has any current member who might qualify for the open Shift Officer Position.
 - Chief Dirr’s reply:
 - “NFPD might have to modify expectations, and hire a medic with no firefighting experience, or a firefighter who is willing to attend Paramedic school.”
- **Old Business:**
 - Retaliation Complaint:
 - Should receive an update from CPS this week.
 - NFPD Employee Policy Handbook Updating quotes;
 - NFPD Board President Iain Irwin-Powell had a conversation last year with our attorney, and was quoted \$1K-\$1700.00. That figure varies depending on the how many unique policies we want, from an update to a complete re-write.
 - SCBA Regulator Flow Testing was done May 5th, 2021.
 - In regards to Fit Testing, we tried to buy into Central City & Timberline Fire’s Fit testing last year, but with COVID, they did not want us dirtying up their equipment.
 - Vehicle Inspections:
 - Chief Dirr needs to follow up on a repair that was done last year, where some things were missed, and he wishes to complete what is currently known that needs to be done, then move forward with inspections.
 - **New Business**

- Chief Durr's P.I.P Survey was launched May 17th, allowing CPS 2 weeks to collect data& produce a report by June 11th, the NFPD Board will schedule an Executive meeting prior to the regular board meeting on June 16th.
 - Discussion of returning to "In-Person" board meetings. Everyone seemed to be in-favor.
 - Discussion of how to use the Additional Wildland Fire Income:
 - Staff Bonuses.
 - Patrick advised this should include All volunteer members who provided district coverage as well.
 - Bunker Gear
 - Bendix King Radios
 - Job Shirts with Name & Rank
 - Training Shelters
 - Additional Wildland PPE & Pack Stock
 - Old 5642:
 - Towards the end of 202 we had a gentleman interested in purchasing, however he wished to get through the holidays first. He contacted Chief Durr in January of 2021, saying he needed more time to gather funds, but we haven't heard from him since. . Might become necessary to re-advertise it.
 - NFPD Board V.P> Patrick Richardson announced his resignation. His last board meeting will be June 16th, 2021.\
 - Policy for selecting New Board Members:
 - Must be a District Resident, and a Registered Voter.
 - Must be able to Attend regular Board Meetings, as well as any advertised Special Meetings
 - Does Not Need any Fire or EMS Experience.
 - If the Board Fails to appoint a replacement Board Member within 60 days of Vacancy, the County Commissioners may appoint a Director.
- **Future Business**
 - Creation of a Department Vehicle Loan Policy
 - **Recognition and Thank You to Larissa Reinhardt, for creating a Bunker Gear Spreadsheet.**
 - **Recognition and Thankyou to Captain Charlie Schmidtmann for working with the new recruits in completing their "Rookie Books".**
 - **The Town of Nederland Recognized and Thanks Chief Durr for his Contribution to get Funding for the Big Springs Egress Route.**

*Meeting adjourned at 2021 hrs.
Next Meeting is June 16th, 2021 @ 1900hrs.*