



Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023

** This meeting is being recorded **

Roll Call

Guy Falsetti – Present, online
Todd Wieseler – Present
Russ Panneton – Present
Bob Sheehan – Present
Ryan Keeler – Present

Chief Schmidtman – Present

Announce Quorum & Call Meeting to Order @ 1901

Public Statements, Comments or Questions

(Please state name and if in district or out of district for the record)

Name District

Joe Mariott – lives in District, regarding his property being “taken” in order to make an egress road wants to meet after the meeting to avoid a nasty conflict in the future.

Miranda Fisher – Nederland Town Manager, this egress project belongs to the Town of Nederland and any discussion should involve her

Approve the meeting agenda 5-0-0

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes

- 10/11/23 Regular Meeting Minutes approved: 5-0-0
- 10/17/23 Special Meeting Minutes approved: 5-0-0

Treasurer’s Report

- Total unreserved funds \$617K last YTD was \$449K
- Donation fund showing ~\$46K which was an adjustment from the auditor for the truck and pump that was donated to the District.

- Received 97% of revenue from the tax distributions.
- ~\$9K underspent for OCT
- YTD underspent by ~\$64K
- Surplus of ~\$447K for 2024

Chief's Report

- Changes for the 2024 budget –
 - making room for First Due to expand (\$4500 to \$13,600) this will replace several other programs we are currently paying for now. It will also integrate the programs to make it more fluid.
 - Legal fees going from \$4000 to \$4500
 - Pension contributions are going from 9% to 10%
 - Possibly using a different auditor, doubled to budget
 - Radio will be \$135K+
 - Decreased TABOR contributions
- The way the budget is set up there still may be ~\$200K surplus
- Busy month – 48 calls!
- Staffing
 - Nick Faes began his first shift © on the 11th of November
 - Job offer has been extended to a third Captain – hope to start him within 6-8 weeks.
 - New PRN hired – Jessi Scrivner
- New grant is being worked on for radios with the 1B money
- 1 on 1 interviews with the volunteers are complete and available to the Board if they are interested
- CORA Request received in regards to the Big Springs Egress, this was conveyed that this is a Town of Nederland project and an old chief (2X removed) was looking at using private property however, it was determined later that the District had no interest in doing that:
 - Nederland stance:
 - Yes, there needs to be an egress
 - The egress route needs to follow County Multimodal Code
 - The further East the route is, the better
- In the very first phases of a community paramedicine program
- Working within the community and businesses on distribution Narcan and fentanyl test kits
- Looking to obtain some advanced procedures to be allowed through the state waiver program
- Awards Banquet & Holiday Party in on 12/3/2023 at Chautauqua in Boulder
- Need \$50K to outfit 5601
 - **Motion to approve \$50K budget to outfit 5601: 5-0-0**

Fire Marshal Report

- Compliance issues within the Town and several fire watches were required along with one stop work order.
- Short term rental fire code draft has been completed.
- First draft of the updated fee schedule has been completed, it has been 4 years since there has been a true update to the fee schedule (2019), inflation rates were not taken into consideration either.
 - NEW – vacation rentals, gate installation, special event occupancy, dangerous building/appliances/conditions, seasonal special events, excessive alarm fees

Old Business

- Proposition HH failed to pass! This is good news for the District
- Budget for 2024 – covered during Chief's report

New Business

- NFPD position on Town of Nederland development of Big Springs
 - Miranda Fisher with the Town of Nederland is in attendance to help with this discussion since it is a Town project
 - Routes are being scouted from scratch, drones went out this week for LIDAR survey so the analysis can be done from square one
 - There is no route that has been selected but the Board of Trustees will be the ones to ultimately select the route and they are being sensitive and mindful of these projects moving forward.
 - JVA is working on this and feels like there will be a discussion in Summer 2024
 - Town was granted \$750K which can be used for development and/or study of the route
 - Set to meet with a resident on Wednesday 11/22 @ 1PM at the Nederland Community Center in regards to the ridgeline route so he can present some information on how he feels this would negatively impact his life here in Nederland.
- Fee Schedule 2023 Update [DRAFT]
 - Russ also working on an ala cart fee schedule for Shady Hollow, this could be drafted as a resolution
 - Chief Schmidtman announced that 5 people in that area are motivated to join
 - May also add penalties when we are in fire restrictions and there is/are violation(s), the Board supports this

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Joe Mariott – Town resident. Feels that the community has turned against them due to the egress route and have been told “people are going to die because of you”. Stated the activity was going on behind their backs and reported in the newspaper. He is under threat of having his property taken away from him and does not want the public to have access to his property. It would be very hard on him and his wife if this moves forward and they would probably have to end up moving. Fears the government will use eminent domain and wipe out all the safeguards that could possibly be put in place.

Wants to show a video that shows tools made by government agencies that shows real-time data that shows Big Springs get a lot of protection by the reservoir. Would like to show an evacuation simulator.

- The Town wants to keep this type of information as their resource, so it doesn't appear that the Fire Department is running/supporting or backing this project.

He doesn't want people blaming him or his wife and being hostile. This was heard third hand, and he did not hear comments directly but was told “firefighters” were talking about the dangers if this project doesn't go through.

Chief Schmidtmann made it clear that if there are Nederland firefighters saying anything negatively about this project it would not be condoned by NFPD and also pointed out that NFPD firefighters are not the only firefighters that live within the District.

Any other business

Special Meeting to adopt budget December 6, 2023 @ 7pm

Next Regular Meeting December 20, 2023 @ 7pm

Motion to adjourn: 5-0-0

Adjourn the meeting @ 2045