

# **Nederland Fire Protection District**

# **Board of Directors Meeting** September 21, 2022

President

Treasurer

Director

Director

Chief

Vice President

# **Roll Call:**

- Iain Irwin-Powell
- Guy Falsetti •
- Todd Wieseler •
- **Russ Panneton**
- Jessica Mc Elvain
- Mike Scott
- Meeting Called to order at 1907 hrs
- Motion to Approve Agenda
  - ➤ Approved 4-0-0
- Motion to approve August 17, 2022 meeting minutes •
  - > Approved 3-0-1
- **Public Statements and Comments** •
  - None (online and in attendance)

# **Treasurers Report**

- Account Balances
  - Savings \$782,161.02
    - Checking \$-32,494.31
    - Capital Reserves
    - Total Funds \$739,215.01
  - Total Reserves
    - \$203,042.94 (unchanged from previous month) Total Unreserved Funds \$532,806.76
- > Negative balance in checking reflects monthly payroll draw and funds not yet transferred from savings account to checking

\$ 6,580.67

- ▶ August 2022 approximately 23k ahead of August 2021
- > Total income to date is approximately 92% of expected for 2022 from tax revenue
  - Need \$96k to reach 100% of expected income
  - No tax income reported in August- did tax disbursement miss the reporting period?
- Other Income  $\triangleright$ 
  - \$12k from ambulance sale
- ➢ Expenses
  - 14k "Wildland Fire Payouts" will be reimbursed
  - August: \$4.6k underspend
  - YTD \$24k overspend
- ▶ Will likely have to use payroll operating reserve in February

present present present absent/excused present present

- Chief's Report
  - Administrator job posting
    - 2 applicants
      - Offered to 1 but applicant turned down offer
    - NFD Auxiliary help w/admin functions?
      - Salary range \$18-20/hr, 30 hrs/week, + benefits with flexible schedule
        - Less than what can be made at local restaurants after tips
  - ➢ 5631 Pump delayed to October, tank has arrived
  - Proposed recycle 5632 pump to 5633, pending Apparatus Committee recommendation
  - Officer Development Program
    - Patrick Richardson handling operations
    - Eric Slavic: personal development
    - Chief Scott, Lucy Zamarripa, Stephanie Cook have completed Clifton Strength Assessment
  - ➢ Equipment Sales
    - 5620 sold for \$12k
    - 5624 sold for \$12k
      - Proposal: Sell ATVs and use proceeds to purchase UTV
        - UTV safer (roll cage) and can be outfitted with pump and Stoke's board
          - Can trailer to scene, can deploy as part of wildfire team
  - Motion: Authorize Chief Scott to dispose of ATVs
    - **4-0-0**
  - Community Events: Wild Bear Pop-up Gallery
    - \$275 donation
    - Thank you to Wild Bear and all the artists!
  - District Boundary Signage
    - Working through CDOT process, taking longer due to lack of administrator
  - > All Hazards Plan: Working on developing plan for Eldora
  - ➢ Grants
    - Larissa Briscombe wrote a successful grant application for wildfire gear and equipment
  - > Thank you to the Sheriff's office for their support
  - Station Maintenance/Repairs
    - Station 2 driveway needs fill and regrading (estimated at \$5k)
    - May be too late in the season
    - Run-off is a problem can it be mitigated to reduce damage to driveway
  - > Equipment
    - 5624 radio on timer for shut-off to remedy battery drain problem
  - ➤ Training
    - Cpt. Schmidtmann @Fire Officer 2 Training
    - Cpt. Moran completed Fire Officer 1 course, needs to take test
    - Ladder training with Cpt. Benson (8/11)
    - VEIS (Vent Enter Isolate Search) training with Cpt. Schmidtmann (8/13)
  - Recruit Academy (8-week introduction)
    - Started 9/18 with Lt. Candidate Sweeney serving as coordinator
    - 5 candidates (8 interviewees)
    - Upon completion of Recruit Academy successful candidates will have probationary year
  - ≻ EMS
    - Cpt Moran created check list for common calls
    - Discussions with Sugarloaf & Lefthand regarding interagency training

- EMT course developments
  - State of CO has new program to pay for anyone to go to community college in Allied Health fields (e.g. EMT)
  - Cpt. Moran researching if state funds can be applied to program being developed withing NFD

# • Fire Marshall's Report (presented by Chief Scott)

- BoCo has delayed approval of 2018 IFC
- Waiting for new mayor to discuss STRs
- Attending ICC prep class
  - Goal to be certified next month
- Conducted 1<sup>st</sup> food truck inspection
- > Meeting with IGNITE to discuss concerns with water pipe diameter decrease

# **Old Business**

- Board member as a reserve
  - ➢ No Action
- Purchasing Policy
  - > Old version of policy uploaded, push to October meeting

# • Mill Levy

- Ballot issue 6A
- > Approved list of voters who own property in district but don't live here
  - Only one vote even if multiple properties are owned in district
- Ballot language has been authorized
  - Lucy reviewed Spanish translation
- TABOR notice due 9/26

# New Business

- ColoTrust
  - > Reviewed details of presentation by Dylana Gross at August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
    - Summary: Money works harder in ColoTrust investment funds and earns more interest (refer to August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and/or recording for details)
  - Motion to pass Resolution 2022-09
    - 4-0-0

# • 2021 Audit

- Looks at 1 year in isolation
  - Grant income and wildfire income not accounted for in budget
  - Results in apparent \$200k in overspend that is reimbursed
  - Overspend of \$31,686 was due to tender purchase
    - Monies came from cistern fund and capital expenditure
- Auditor filed with state

- ➢ Is there a better way for budget to reflect unaccounted income (i.e. wildfire reimbursements, grant income)?
- Pension is funded at 116%
  - FFPA letter says 0% contribution required from NFD
  - Would need to fund \$4.5k to get 100% match from state
- Motion: Accept 2021 final audit and file with state.
  - 4-0-0

#### • 2023 Budget Timeline

- Progress has been made, needs fine tuning
- > Need to prepare  $2^{nd}$  budget in the event mill levy passes
- > Dates
  - October 15<sup>th</sup>: Budget(s) presented to NFD board of directors (can be via email)
  - November board meeting: Present budget publicly to allow for discussion and public comment
    - Will have results from ballot issue 6A
  - December 5<sup>th</sup>: BoCo provides final property appraisals (sets income)
  - December 15<sup>th</sup>: File with BoCo
  - January 31, 2023: File with state of CO DOLA
    - Late file = 50% of funding withheld

#### • Bylaws

➢ Signed and filed

#### Future Business

➢ None

#### **Special Executive Session**

None held, therefore no conclusions

#### Next meeting October 19, 2022 at 7 pm

# **Public Statements and Comments**

None (online and in attendance)

#### Motion to adjourn meeting

▶ 4-0-0

#### Meeting adjourned at 2025 hours