



Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2023

\*\* This meeting is being recorded \*\*

**Roll Call**

Guy Falsetti – Present

Todd Wieseler – Present

Russ Panneton – Present

Bob Sheehan – Present

Ryan Keeler – Present

Chief Schmidtman – Present

**Announce Quorum & Call Meeting to Order @ 1902**

**Public Statements, Comments or Questions**

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**Name**                      **District**

- Iain Irwin-Powell NFPD, Nederland resident & taxpayer – Proposition HH is very unclear about how it will affect Special Districts, recommend that the Board makes a statement that they are not in favor.

**Approve the meeting agenda**

- Need to correct Todd Wieseler’s name
- **Motion to approve with correction: 5-0-0**

**Acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

- Correct Todd Wieseler’s name and “members” to “members”
- **Motion to approve minutes with corrections: 5-0-0**

**Treasurer’s Report**

- \$26K underspent for Sept 2023
- \$60.5K underspent YTD
- In the process of reconciling an error in QuickBooks that occurred when we transitioned from Desktop to Online

## Chief's Report

- New mechanic is working out really well, his work is above and beyond expectations
  - We might not even have enough work for him!!
- Not awarded grant for new radios – 10 or 12 agencies were denied
- Apparatus
  - ambulance is ordered!
  - engine delivery date is possibly August 2024, trip to Florida in November (pre-build trip).
- End of year awards banquet is booked at Chautauqua in Boulder
- Captain's process open – one applicant so far and another interested as a PRN.
  - Boulder FD's are also looking for the same thing we are
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual EMS Skills Rodeo scheduled for 11/18/2023
- Fire Prevention Week 2023 – Cooking Safety Starts with You
  - Art contest for each grade and the overall winner will get their artwork displayed on the side of 5601.
- Residential homes in Shady Hollow that are not part of the District but live within the boundaries and we are not receiving taxes for them, this should be something we include as part of the fee schedule Fire Marshal Joslin is working on.
  - This is on the list for fees

## Old Business

None

## New Business

- First presentation of the NFPD Budget for 2024
  - Chief Schmidtman and Director Keeler have been working on the budget and everything is within reason. Some notable items:
    - Roughly \$400K budget over last year, this is on the low end and the mills will increase.
    - \$125K for new 5632 (brush truck)
      - Building a mitigation/wildland team and this truck would be primary
    - Trying to improve station 1 including furniture, paint and carpet
    - 6% pay raise for staff consistent with the entire front range (only BHFD is going to 7%) ~\$50K
      - Includes current and anticipated staff
    - Gas and utility prices have gone up
    - Left \$32K in for HR consulting
    - In dire need of radios, they are not fire service rated and do not have important functions budgeted for 30 hand-held radios \$129K and additional \$5K for repairs and programming
      - Going to try for another grant to see if the vehicle radios can be replaced
    - \$20K in medical equipment for AED's, change suction devices and getting a video laryngoscope.
    - 6 sets of bunker gear this year (5 recruits that need to be outfitted)

- In 2025 or 2026 we will need to start replacing existing gear
  - We are grossly over budget for incentives (also no budget for the Christmas party), doubled budget for next year.
    - Doing 1 on 1 interviews with volunteers to see what incentivizes them (the \$5/call doesn't make the list)
    - Looking at getting the pension back for the volunteers but this is an unknown as far as budget
  - \$40K for the construction of the burn building
  - Added line items for TABOR and sick/vacation reserves
    - Tabor is ~\$26K below where we should be
    - Added 50% to both operating and sick/vacation reserve to be where we should be ~\$75K
  - New fire truck expenses to outfit the truck have not been included
- Purchasing policy – Limit that requires board authorization
  - There is an interim policy in place between Dirr and Scott but nothing finalized (5.13.2020), there is no approval, possible update to this would be:
    - \$5K without Board approval (at Chief's discretion)
    - \$5K - \$10K a message to the Board but does not need to be discussed at the meeting
    - Over \$10K would be brought to the Board during a meeting
    - Expense v. Capital should be considered on larger purchases and if bids are needed
  - **Action item: Chief Schmidtman will work on a purchasing policy and bring it back to the Board**
- Message of Proposition HH
  - Boulder Rural created a resolution in opposition of HH
    - Will mandate reductions in local property taxes for at least 10 years, resulting in billions of dollars lost which will negatively impact the District'
  - NFPD would like to create their own resolution in opposition in addition to sending out a message on our social media channels.
  - Special Meeting will be held to adopt the resolution on: 10/17/2023
    - **Motion to modify resolution from Boulder Rural to NFPD and formally adopt: 5-0-0**

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None

### **Any other business**

**Next Meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**Motion to adjourn meeting: 5-0-0**

**Adjourn the meeting @ 2037**