

Public Hearing – Inclusion Ridge Road

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[00:00:00] Board President, Falsetti: So looks like it started.

[00:00:06] District Administrator, Snyder: Okay. Uh, so welcome to the public hearing for Nederland Fire Protection, Protection District's petition for inclusion. My name is Sherry Snyder. I am the district administrator for Nederland Fire, and I will be helping to facilitate this public hearing. We're holding this hearing both in person and on Teams meeting, which allows participants to join us using a computer, a mobile device, or a regular phone line.

[00:00:0] District Administrator, Snyder: We posted the access information on our website and published it in The Mountain-Ear. I want to advise everybody that this hearing is being recorded, and the recording is retained as part of the final record. I have turned on the meeting's transcription function, and closed captioning are available for the, for accessibility.

[00:00:48] District Administrator, Snyder: This meeting's attendance and the chat log are also retained for the final record. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the Teams platform, I will go over some navigation guidance for those issued... using computers or mobile devices and for those using a phone line. Uh, basic features, mute or unmute, you can hit Control plus Shift plus M.

[00:01:12] District Administrator, Snyder: Uh, for your video, raised hands, chat, or change display names, um, if your online screen name is different, please put your preferred name in the chat if you wish to comment so the, so that we may address you correctly. When we get to the public comment period, we will call on those who wish to speak in order of notification of request.

[00:01:2] District Administrator, Snyder: Please either use the hand icon, Control plus Shift plus K, add comments or questions in the chat, or press star five on your phone to signal us if dialing in for the meeting. If there are no questions, I'll turn it over to Chief Schmidtmann and to begin and conduct the public hearing.

[00:01:57] Fire Chief, Schmidtmann: Okay. So this is our call to order.

[00:01:59] Fire Chief, Schmidtmann: Thank you, Sherry. Good evening. My name is Charlie Schmidtmann, Fire Chief of the Nederland Fire Protection District. I now call this hearing to order. This is a public hearing held pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute Title

thirty-two, Special District Section thirty-two dash one dash four oh one, Inclusion of Territory Procedure.

[00:02:17] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: Today is Wednesday, October 21, 2026. The time is eighteen oh four Mountain Time (18:04). This is a public hearing being held in person at Nederland Fire Station one, located at 650 West Fourth Street, Nederland, Colorado, 80466, and also remotely using the Teams meeting platform.

[00:02:40] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: Present here today, uh, with me are the following individuals. Uh, let's see, Nederland Fire Protection District Board President, Guy Falsetti, Treasurer Ryan Keeler, Secretary Bob Sheehan, Director Todd Wieseler, District Administrator Sherry Snyder. After the petition for inclusion is presented, we will hear comments from the public in the order received.

[00:0:08] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: Written comments are also welcome and will be incorporated into the exhibits considered in this proceeding. We ask that you submit written comments via email to Sherry Snyder, whose email address is posted on the district's website and listed here in the chat. The hearing purpose. This hearing provides the public with the opportunity to present comments on the petition, which will alter the boundaries of the special district by the inclusion of additional real property by the fee owner or owners of one hundred percent of any real property capable of being served with the facilities of the special district.

[00:0:47] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: The purpose of this hearing is for the board to grant or deny the petition in whole or in part, with or without conditions, and the action of the board shall be final and conclusive. If the petition is granted as to all or any of the real property therein described, the board shall make an order to that effect and file the same with the clerk of the court, and the court shall thereupon under, uh, order the property to be included in the special district.

[00:04:16] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: District admin-administrator Snyder will now briefly review the hearing procedure.

[00:04:22] District Administrator, Snyder: Thank you, Chief. The procedure we will follow today will be relatively informal. To begin, Chief Schmidtman will present the petition for inclusion and invite public comment on them. Then anyone who wishes to make an oral comment on the petition may do so.

[00:04:6] District Administrator, Snyder: After public comments, he will close the comment period and invite our board president, Guy Falsetti, to make a motion to grant or deny the petition, which will need to pass by a majority vote of the board members who are present. The pre-hearing exhibits for this petition are available on the NFPD website.

[00:04:54] District Administrator, Snyder: Additionally, paper copies of the final hearing exhibits can be made available by request to the district. For the record, I hereby identify the following exhibits. One, evidence of publication in The Mountain-Ear. Two, public comment and hearing announcement posted on the NFPD website. Three, notarized copies of the petition for inclusion and copies of deeds showing ownership for each of the real properties.

[00:05:19] District Administrator, Snyder: Four, memo to maintain permanent record. Five, hearing attendance records. Six, hearing records, which will be video, audio, and text. I now enter exhibits one through four into the record for the petition for inclusion. Exhibit five will be the attendance record from this hearing, and exhibit six will be a copy of the video, audio, and text recording of this virtual hearing.

[00:05:42] District Administrator, Snyder: Fire Chief Charlie Schmidtman, will now present the petition for inclusion. I'll turn it over to you, Chief.

[00:05:49] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: Thank you, Sherry. The following real properties and their owners have submitted both their deeds showing ownership and a notarized copy of the petition for inclusion. Address at 5205 five Ridge Road, Owner, Brett C. Haberstick. Address 5210 Ridge Road, Owner, Brett C. Haberstick. And address 5266 Ridge Road, Owner Michael D. Ackermann. We will now hear public comments on the proposed petition. Sherry, will you please call on individuals asking to comment or with questions?

[00:06:2] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: Is there any?

[00:06:24] Board President, Falsetti: Yeah, I don't think there's anybody on that call,

[00:06:26] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: so All right. Hearing no comments, I hereby close the oral comment period for these rules. The public comment related to the petition for inclusion is now closed. That concludes the review and comment period for this, for the petition. I now ask our board president, Guy Falsetti, to review his findings and to make a motion.

[00:06:49] Board President, Falsetti: That I, uh, Guy Falsetti, President of the Board of Directors for Nederland Fire Protection District, has the authority to make a motion to grant or deny—

[00:07:01] District Administrator, Snyder: You need to start above that, Guy. You're at number five.

[00:07:05] Board President, Falsetti: Yeah.

[00:07:05] District Administrator, Snyder: And it starts above that.

[00:07:08] Board President, Falsetti: Make the following findings.

[00:07:10] District Administrator, Snyder: Printed on both sides of the paper.

[00:07:19] Board President, Falsetti: OK.

[00:07:24] Board President, Falsetti: That makes more sense.

[00:07:29] Board President, Falsetti: Sorry.

[00:07:0] District Administrator, Snyder: That's okay.

[00:07:2] Board President, Falsetti: Uh, I make the f-- uh, following findings concerning the petition presented, uh, in this, uh, public hearing today. One, that the public has been provided an opportunity to make a comment. Two, that written comments received prior to this hearing have been considered in the decision for this petition.

[00:07:57] Board President, Falsetti: Three, that the written and oral comments received today will be considered in the decision concerning the petition. Four, that the record of this proceeding will be prepared and available for inspection by the public. It'll be kept on a file in Meadowland Fire Protection District permanently.

[00:08:28] Board President, Falsetti: Being—

[00:08:29] Board President, Falsetti: started in the first place. Yeah, that, that I, Guy Falsetti. That should be number five. It's where you... Okay. Yeah.

[00:08:7] Board President, Falsetti: All right. That I, uh, Guy Falsetti, president of the Nederland... or president of the board of directors of the Nederland Fire Protection District, have the authority to make the motion to grant or deny the petition for inclusion, uh—

[00:09:00] Board President, Falsetti: Uh, at this time, I'd like to make a mo- potion, motion to grant the permi- permission or the petition for inclusion in whole without conditions.

[00:09:12] Board Director, Todd Wieseler: I'll second that motion. Second.

[00:09:15] Board President, Falsetti: Um, and then I need a vote. All in favor?

[00:09:18] Board Treasurer, Keeler: Aye.

[00:09:19] Board Secretary, Sheehan: Aye.

[00:09:19] Board Director, Wieseler: Aye.

[00:09:20] Board President, Falsetti: Anybody against? Um, please let, let the record show that the motion has passed by a majority vote.

[00:09:29] Board President, Falsetti: Um, and the board shall make an order to the effect and file the same with a clerk of the court. I think I turn over to you, Charlie.

[00:09:40] Fire Chief, Schmidtman: The time is now 18:11. Thank you for your attendance and interest in this process. This hearing is now closed and adjourned.

[00:09:49] District Administrator, Snyder: Thank you for all... Thank you all for participating in our public hearing.

[00:09:52] District Administrator, Snyder: Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments you have regarding the petition or our public hearing process.