



Nederland Fire Protection District

Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2022

Roll Call:

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| • Iain Irwin-Powell | President | present |
| • Guy Falsetti | Vice President | present |
| • Todd Wieseler | Treasurer | absent/excused |
| • Russ Panneton | Director | present |
| • Jessica Mc Elvain | Director | present |
| • Mike Scott | Chief | present |

- **Meeting Called to order at 1907 hrs**
- **Motion to Approve Agenda**
 - Approved 4-0-0
- **Motion to approve August 17, 2022 meeting minutes**
 - Approved 4-0-0
- **Public Statements and Comments**
 - None (online and in attendance)
- **Invited Guests**
 - Dylana Gross, Director of Investor Services at ColoTrust
- **Presentation of Challenge Coins**
- **Treasurers Report (presented by Iain Irwin-Powell)**
 - Account Balances
 - Savings \$797,238.70
 - Checking \$ -3212.34
 - Capital Reserves \$ 6,580.61
 - Total Funds \$800,606.97
 - Total Reserves \$203,042.94
 - Total Unreserved Funds \$596,873.77
 - Negative balance in checking reflects monthly payroll draw and funds not yet transferred from savings account to checking
 - July 2022 approximately 40k ahead of July 2021
 - Total income to date is approximately 91% of expected for 2022
 - Expenses
 - July: \$4.4k overspend vs budget
 - YTD \$28.7k overspend

- **Presentation: Dylana Gross**
 - Works for Public Trust Advisors, hired by ColoTrust Board to manage funds
 - Works with Stephanie Cooke
 - ColoTrust (<https://www.colotrust.com/about/>)
 - Local government investment pool established in 1985
 - Works with approximately 1700 entities (i.e., special districts, school districts, towns)
 - Manages approximately \$14.7 billion in assets
 - Advantages of investing money with ColoTrust
 - Size allows for diversification, lower fees, better rates of return
 - Daily liquidity
 - No fees; no account minimum or maximum
 - Public Trust advisor fee: 0.12%; returns start at 1.8% after this fee for most conservative portfolio
 - Not a replacement for checking account; more of a holding account

- **Discussion of ColoTrust information**

- **Motion to allow Stephanie Cooke to work with Dylana Gross on behalf of the NFPD to gather more information regarding ColoTrust**
 - 4-0-0

- **Motion to allow Stephanie Cooke to explore alternative banking options for the NFPD**
 - 4-0-0

- **Chief's Report**
 - Thank you to Jim Harrison for 20 years of service
 - Hiring: Part-time administrator MWF 8 – 5 (24 hr)
 - Does not need to be fire certified
 - Boulder Water (BW) has requested NFPD take over maintenance of 2 hydrants on Cold Springs
 - BW will pay \$2k/year; maintenance = responsible for back flow valve; would have to hire hydrant maintenance company
 - SLFPD has a similar contract
 - Ron (from insurance company) said it will increase our liability and suggests we speak with our legal counsel
 - Discussion: Why now? Why doesn't BW just hire the maintenance company
 - Community Events: National Night Out (NNO) (August 2nd) was successful
 - Jess McElvain spoke for the NFDA at Chief Scott's request
 - Big thanks to the Ned DDA – approved an event grant which covered costs
 - Leah from Face Fiesta (face painter) very popular
 - Next year with more time to plan hope to expand (food trucks, Kona ice)
 - CDOT district boundary application is underway
 - Disaster plan
 - Miranda stretched thin, Chief Scott wrote disaster plan for town
 - Comment from Iain: Town of Eldora needs evacuation plan would like to Chief Scott to write
 - Disaster plan needs to be completed for entire district
 - Eldora Civic Association (EAC) would like to use Station 3 for events, including the annual meeting August 20th

- Hiring: Mechanic Position
 - Would like to proceed with hiring a mechanic to cover 4 districts (NFPD, SLFPD, Timberline, Coal Creek)
 - Each district does not need a full-time mechanic, it is difficult to find someone who is willing to work part-time
 - Meeting with other district chiefs in the next week to discuss
 - If quick consensus cannot be reached, need to hire our own because of added workload (refer to Chief's report on everything C. Schmidtman has fixed)
- 5631 pump and tank have been ordered
 - After ordering Castle Rock Fire and Rescue donated pump and tank to NFPD
 - Able to use donated pump and tank of 5633
 - Thank you to Castle Rock for the generous donation
- Volunteer Recruits
 - Completed interview process
 - 5 candidates for to start training academy (September 18th)
 - Ideal would be 6 – 8 recruits in training academy
 - Have encouraged a few more people to apply
- Community Thanks
 - Dawn Baumhover: called to compliment class that Conor and Cameron Moran taught at the community center about disaster preparedness. Relayed that after the course the staff feels very prepared
- **Fire Marshall's Report (presented by Chief Scott)**
 - Work continues to improve automation and tracking of fire inspections
 - County has received updated IFC 2018 and is reviewing ahead of approval
 - Andrew may have found Fire Inspector I course in Denver to attend for certification
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Old Business

- **Board member as a reserve**
 - No Action
- **2021 Audit**
 - Audit needs to be delivered to the State of CO by September 30, 2022
 - Iain has reached out to the auditor multiple times
 - May ask attorney to pursue
 - Will find new auditor for 2023
- **Pension Board (for Volunteers)**
 - Legally required
 - Consists of regular NFPD board and 2 more volunteers from fire community (retired or left service)
 - Supposed to meet twice a year
 - Have met approximately twice in the last 10 years
 - Need to revive
 - Volunteer pension fund is fully funded (approximately 102%)
 - Responsibilities include approving pension requests
- **5631 Pump**
 - Discussed in Chief's Report

- **Mill Levy Survey**
 - Note: This survey was sent out prior to Boulder County (BoCo) and the Town of Nederland notifying residents that they are also pursuing tax increases
 - 63 responses: in general positive
 - 80 – 90% support for ballot question of a phased in 3 mil levy increase
 - Concerns about tax increases are especially hard on those living on a fixed income

New Business

- **Town of Nederland Police Department**
 - Town has presented 3 options to raise revenue to improve PD funding
 - Increase marijuana sales tax, increase town sales tax, increase property taxes (this would affect a subset of properties within the NFPD boundaries)
 - Discussion about how this might affect NFPD's proposed mill levy request
- **Boulder County Tax Increase**
 - Iain Irwin-Powell and Russ Panneton attended public meeting where BoCo discussed impacts
 - Discussion of BoCo's proposed ballot question
 - Language is vague as to who receives money, multiple special interests listed
 - Mountain fire chiefs were not consulted
 - BoCo does not appear to have a clear distribution plan; not guaranteed that mountain districts will receive any significant funding, consistently from proposed measures
 - It appears to compete with NFPD's proposed mill levy increase, but BoCo's ballot proposal does not because there are no guaranteed funds for mountain fire districts
- **NFPD Mill Levy Proposal: IGA with Boulder County and Ballot Language**
 - IGA reviewed by lawyer and is no concerns
 - Does not list NFPD's part of election cost, hope it would be less than what it would cost for district to do own mail in ballot election (est \$14k - \$20k)
 - Ballot language for mill levy was written by district lawyer
 - Discussion: Do we wait for BoCo to supply more information/clarification on their proposed ballot questions before deciding on NFPD's ballot question?
 - NFPD requires guaranteed funding to execute vehicle replacement plan
 - BoCo has proved itself to be an unreliable partner when it comes to consistent funding (see PILT funds = funds provided to states by federal government in replace lost tax revenue on federal lands)
 - BoCo has no official breakdown of fund distribution and many agencies listed as potential fund recipients
 - Any agreement reached with BoCo needs to be formalized with an IGA
 - NFPD cannot wait to see if BoCo gives us sufficient funds reliably. NFPD has a dire need to replace equipment.
- **Motion to approve NFPD Resolution 2022-08**
 - Approves ballot language for mill levy increase on November 2022 ballot and IGA with county
 - 4-0-0

Future Business

- **HR Contract Expiring**
 - Lucy Zamarripa has supplied valuable service to NFPD
 - Continue to engage Lucy Zamarripa as HR

- **Next meeting September 21, 2022 at 7 pm**
- **Public Statements and Comments**
 - None (online and in attendance)
- **Motion to adjourn meeting**
 - 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 2059 hours