



Oak Creek Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting Minutes May 21 2024

Call to order 6:42 pm

A meeting of [Oak Creek Fire Protection District](#) was held at [131 E Main Street Oak Creek CO](#) on [May 21, 2024](#)

Attendees

Attendees included [David Park, President](#); [Eric Kimsey, Member](#); [Dwayne Osadchuk, Member](#); [Skyler McKinley, Member](#).

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: [Mike Roach, Secretary](#)

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed and approved:

[April 9, 2024](#)

Financial Review

Karrie Littman presented the Board with the current Financial Statements including details on revenues that have been received and anticipated timeline of future tax and deployment revenues. The Board had a few questions, and they were answered. The Board approved the financials.

Grant Update: The following grants are in the process of being submitted or approval status:

Ambulance Emergency Grant- there will be a build out meeting with a 2025 delivery date. An extension has been requested.

Equipment Grant- \$85,000- Passed the initial interview- Award to be determined in July

Wildland CWPP- not awarded

Nexus Study Review

Chief Glauthier opened the discussion of the Nexus Study that was prepared to determine the need of impact fees and the level of these fees that are appropriate. After a lengthy discussion amongst the Board and the Chief, the issue was tabled until more details such as the projected cost of a new station and engines on a ten-year plan, the details of the advantages of a flat fee vs. a per sq ft fee and the cost of the 30 yr. mortgage on the cost of the station and engines.

Fire Camp

Chief Glauthier reported the SUP was kicked out and is being fixed and will be resubmitted. He is hoping to have a move in date in August. The District has secured housing in homes donated by Mr. Logan, in the Stagecoach Station and the hunters' cabin on Hwy 131.

Housing Crew in Oak Creek

There are continued holdups with the contractors working on the unit for the structure crew, so the apartment above the laundry mat is being remodeled and will be leased to the District so we can have a crew in Oak Creek 24/7 being June 1st. Once that is done, then a trailer will be moved to the Stagecoach station to house the administration team which can provide coverage for the Stagecoach area.

New Fire Station

Chief Glauthier let the Board know an appraisal is being done on an undisclosed piece of property that is a potential site for the new fire station. The Board of the South Routt Medical Center is very interested in looking into a joint venture with the District on this piece of property, two separate facilities on one campus. That Board is looking to conduct a Space Planning Study to determine the actual needs of the Center. The Chief has been in contact with the US Forest Service is very interested in discussing a business relationship as their housing needs are critical also.

Chief's Report

- **Crew & Calls:** The Chief introduced the new Captain, John Fretwell. John is retired from 10 years wildland and 8 years structure in the NW region. His wife has accepted a position with the South Routt Elementary School. Lt Pohlman will be leaving and taking a position the Vail Fire District. Interesting call entailing a bicyclist with a broken shoulder at the district border so worked the roll with the Steamboat Springs Fire. Both departments appreciated the work of the other.
- **Mitigation & Deployments:** Logan has signed a contract for 13 acres of mitigation and the Stagecoach ski hill will be ready to continue the mitigation work after calving season. The crews are currently in MN working on prescribed burns. When they return, the 212

training will continue. The southwest is already heating up so we are anticipating severity rolls coming in. The Chipper program will be operational this summer as well, SPOA will be in need of this service.

- **Red Metal Engines:** When the crew from Montana arrived and tested the engines, it was determined the pumps had froze over the winter and will require extensive work to be repaired. Cal Fire contacted the Chief and said there were more engines available. The Chief will be going out to Davis CA to purchase two more engines and deliver these to Montana to make Red Metal whole. In the meantime, the District will repair the two broken ones and sell those on the open market. This should be a wash.
- Chief Glauthier attended a meeting with Routt County Emergency Management Director, Mo DeMorat; West Routt Fire Chief, Trevor Guire and Steamboat Fire Chief Chuck Cerasoli in which the topic of Fire District Consolidation was discussed. All the Districts were invited to attend. The Chief asked the Board if they would like the Chief to attend a meeting of Discovery Discussion. They agreed they would like to have a seat at the table of Discovery.
- Chief Glauthier asked everyone to pay attention to the tax reform that is coming down the pipe. It will have a big impact on the Districts around the State.
- There is an Oak Creek Town Council vacancy. Capt. Shephard has volunteered to apply for this position. The District has made a commitment to become more involved with the Town Government.
- David Park let everyone know that Capt. Shepard made a very good presentation at the Routt County Wildland Council and received a standing ovation.

Community Input

- Jay Wisecup was there to ask for assistance from the District. Jay was a volunteer for the District for many years and has recently suffered a broken neck and is unable to work for many weeks. The Chief said they would consider that but would be more than willing to assist in any physical needs.
- It was also brought to attention that James Anderson, a long-time volunteer of the District has passed away suddenly. There will be a service on Sun at 2 pm and the District will send a few members to attend and pay their respects. A donation of \$500 will be made in James's name.

Adjournment

8:40 pm

President- David Park

Date of approval

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