

# Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors

Minutes for October 15, 2020

7:00 P.M.

**Call To Order:** President Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**In Attendance:** Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

**Absent:** None

**District Members in attendance:** Doug Race, Harold Alexander

**Approval of Agenda:** Shirla Race move to accept the agenda as presented. Jody Randol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** September 17, 2020

Duane Jacoby moved to accept the minutes of September 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Shirla Race. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Kubichek reported that the President of the Glacier View Fire Protection District had contacted him regarding the possibility of the mountain boards meeting. It was decided that Kubichek will contact the Glacier View president for more details and a time frame after the first of the year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Race presented the monthly financial report. The report was unremarkable. It is described as status quo for this point in the year. Mail disruption due to the fire has delayed some checks and bills. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept

the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Race presented the proposed 2021 Budget.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Rode presented the written October Department Report.

Highlights include:

-8 incidents since the last report for 52 incidents YTD 2020. No Covid symptom patients have been treated so far.

-The monthly training was a Wildland/WUI scenario.

-The department was notified that the 2019 AFG grant request for a new brush truck was not approved.

-A survey regarding the Department's community education classes will be sent out to gauge the community interest in topics and times for next year.

-Chief Rode made a request to the board to purchase a new brush truck to replace the 1987 Brush 2. The request is to purchase a new truck, utility boxes, slide in pump and water tank with appropriate accessories and equipment for its operation. The estimated cost of the unit would be approximately \$120,000-\$132,000. The department members would do most of the work to make the brush truck operational. The funding for the replacement effort includes monies from CLFIRES, the district's capital improvement fund, and a Go Fund Me Page.

-Chief Rode also presented an update on the Cameron Peak Fire. Several Crystal Lakes officers with the LCSO informing residents of the voluntary evacuations. At the time of this meeting, the fire is approximately 56% contained. Dozer lines have been cut in areas around the Northwest side of Crystal Lakes and the lower filings. 84 Crystal Lakes homes in the lower filings were mitigated. The department performed two days of home mitigation in the lower filings and three days patrolling and mitigating along CR 74E.

-High winds have hampered firefighter's efforts.

-On 10/14 the department's task force was called up to assist with protection along Manhattan Road CR86 when a 6 acre spot fire blew up near Bellaire Lake. The task force assisted with direct attack throughout the night and morning.

-Challenges to the fire are now primarily along the southern portion of the fire with high wind events producing very large and rapid fire growth.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Continue discussion related to Squad / Brush Truck:** Shirla Race made a motion to direct the Chief and officers to move forward to purchase a new, fully equipped brush truck. Jody Randol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Reimbursement for expenses:** A discussion was held related to the out of pocket costs all members of the fire department incur performing department duties. It was suggested that a “reimbursement of expenses” policy be implemented. The estimated cost the the district is approximately \$7,000-\$8,000/year. This cost can be achieved by readjusting certain line items to obtain the necessary funds. Jim Kubichek made a motion that, Beginning January 1, 2021, the CLFPD will reimburse department members responding to an incident at the rate of \$15.00 per call according to department policy. The motion was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed: 3 for and two abstentions (Jim Kubichek and Shirla Race).

**As the Board Desires:** None

**Comments by Attending Public:** None

**Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:** November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM

**Adjournment:** Jim Kubichek moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.