

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

(970) 881-3521

Board of Directors

Minutes for June 17, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Don Hass at 7:05 PM.

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Harold Alexander

Absent: Chief Rau was on a call.

District Members in attendance: Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race moved to approve the agenda. Jody Randol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, May 20, 2021: Shirla Race made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Race presented the monthly financial report. She noted that money has not yet been transferred from the capital reserve account for the new squad truck. She stated that \$40,000 will be transferred from the capital reserve account to the checking account. She reported that the increased electrical costs are being tracked by PVREA and that an upcoming visit is planned to evaluate the possible reasons for the increase since the Cameron Peak Fire last fall. It appears that there is an unexplainable spike at approximately 11:00 AM each day. The rest of the report was unremarkable.

Jim Kubichek moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Don Hass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rau was on a medical call and could not attend the meeting. Assistant Chief Doug Race presented the Fire Department Report, which is included at the end of the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion RE: Chief Rode recognition by Board: The board decided to draft a resolution thanking former Chief Mark Rode for his leadership, dedication and service to the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District. The resolution is found at the end of the minutes.

As the Board Desires: Shirla Race raised the question whether a commercial account for Zoom is still needed.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Executive Session: Personnel: At 8:30 pm, Jody Randol moved to go into Executive Session to consider personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously. At 9:30 a motion was made by Jody Randol to end the Executive session and return to the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously. There was no voting or action taken during the Executive session.

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: July 15, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Fire Station

Adjournment: Jody Randol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Shirla Race. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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June 17, 2021

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (May 2021)

- **Business meetings** – 1, in person with two members via Zoom
- **NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call** – 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Involves representatives from Crystal Lakes, Red Feather Lakes, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, Livermore, & Rist Canyon, as well as Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), and Poudre Fire Authority. I have taken over Lead for setting up and running the meetings since Chief Rode stepped down.
- **Incidents** – 10 since last report, **19 YTD 2021**
 - #13: Vehicle stuck on forest road off Deadman Rd., leaking gasoline. CL1 responded directly.
 - #14: ATV crash near Hiawatha Lake with one injured patient. CL1 responded directly to MVC.
 - #15: 88yo male with head and chest pain. Flew out on air ambulance
 - #16: 61yo male with deep cut on arm from chainsaw
 - #17: 65yo male with difficulty breathing after recent surgery
 - #18: Fire alarm at address in Red Feather village. CL1 responded directly.
 - #19: Kayak flipped over in Panhandle. Patient self-rescued.
 - #20: 5yo boy with fever, brought to CL station
 - #21: 64yo male with stomach pain after recent surgery
 - #22: possible MVC on CR73c. Was a false alarm by the car's automated alert system

2. PERSONNEL:

- No new members since last month. New members actively engaged in training.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – June training was initial wildland attack, Brush truck pumps, and wildland fire shelter deployment. July training is Wildland water supply. Optional trainings take place Thursday after regular training and will review and practice previous training activities. June optional training was spent learning to pack our new wildland progressive hose packs. This new style of packing hose is called a Smokey Pack.

- **2021 Training schedule** in place with RFLVFD:

Month	Topic
JANUARY	Scene Size-Up, ICS,
FEBRUARY	EMS equipment/EMS scenarios
MARCH	Ice Rescue
APRIL	Hose deployment/Engine pumping
MAY	Tender ops/Water supply
JUNE	Initial wildland attack/shelters
JULY	Wildland water supply
AUGUST	Cumulative scenario
SEPTEMBER	Extrication
OCTOBER	Beaver Meadows
NOVEMBER	SCBA
DECEMBER	Radios

4. **GRANTS:**

- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 5 sets of bunker gear so far. One additional set ordered for Craig Mawle. Leaves us with one more to buy for new member by Sept 15, 2021.

- **FEMA AFG grant 2021** – Submitted. Total cost = \$34,340. Our share of above cost = \$1,635.24
2 x handheld 800MHz/VHF radios
5 x handheld 800 MHz radios
7 x microphone/speakers
6 x 800 MHz/VHF mobile radios

- **VFA wildland grant 2021** - Submitted. Applied for 12 hose packs, 6 wildland packs, some hand tools, and wildland gloves. Possible award in June, but still awaiting award notice.

- **Fire safety and disease prevention grant 2021** – Still waiting for State to release

- **National Volunteer Group** – Applied for backpack compressed foam system for wildland fire. (\$6K). Will have three awards each month in June, July, and August. June awards announced 06/15/2021 (we were not among the awardees).

5. **OTHER:**

- **Covid-19** - First vaccinations given to CLVFD members 12/28. Second shots started 1/25. State website is: [Covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://www.colorado.gov/vaccine) for info on vaccine. Not all CLVFD members are getting the vaccine. We are not requiring members to do so, but strongly encourage them to. Here are our current COVID protocols, based on CDC and County/State guidance:
 - Masks are not required during outdoor training events or within the station.

 - If we are on an a medical incident, and you are outdoors and NOT within 6 feet of the patient, you do not have to wear a mask, but you are encouraged to wear a cloth or N95 mask. If you are within 6 ft of the patient (I.E., helping move the patient) or asked to come inside the home to help move the patient, you should be wearing our P100 mask with filters. If there are COVID symptoms present with the Pt, you should not come within 6 ft of the Pt if not an EMT. EMTs have their own protocol including coveralls if COVID symptoms are suspected with the Pt.

- **CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE:** Committee is led and run by the CL Road and Rec Board. CLVFD Chief is participating with the committee to develop a mitigation plan and guidelines. CLVFD input will be based on what was learned from the Forest Service during physical inspections of CL property. Ongoing activity includes selecting a contractor to create and write an updated CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan). The plan is needed to apply for grants for mitigation work. Ideally, the plan will
 - Identify the specific mitigation work that needs to be completed
 - Identifies what specific mitigation work should be completed (I.E., shaded tree cuts, clear cuts with strategic islands, exactly where and how, etc)
 - Prioritizes the work that should be done.
 - A plan for 5+ years that the community can use to plan for budgeting purposes.

NOTE: The CWPP may cost up to \$36K, so the thought process was that this should cover the entire District for multiple years if it is going to be this expensive. Of additional note is that the committee is discussing that this should be a shared cost between the R&R, W&S, and the CLVFD. We discussed that we (CLVFD) do NOT have the budget for this in 2021, and the R&R does have \$30K budgeted for mitigation for 2021, so I am continuing Mark Rode's approach that R&R

should use this to pay for the plan. If they do this, we MAY be asked to help pay for “some” of the gap (\$36K – 30K = \$6K). Additionally, we may be asked to contribute to some of the future mitigation work that is not covered by grants. No CLVFD/CLFPD funds have been promised. I have discussed fire department members contributing in-kind by helping do some mitigation work as volunteers, especially those members who are officially trained sawyers.

- **NEW BRUSH TRUCK PURCHASE:** Dodge Ram 5500 w/custom utility box
 - The truck is here and is in-service
 - The slide-in unit that includes the pump and tank has been installed and operated successfully.
 - The brush truck is not complete yet, but is currently functional and equipped with hose and tools to effectively respond to a wildland fire, carrying up to five firefighters with gear.

- **SQUAD REPLACEMENT TRUCK: Dodge Ram 2500**
 - The insurance concern was resolved and the truck was purchased,
 - Truck has been delivered and is in-service with emergency light bar and radios installed.
 - Most additional equipment and improvements have yet to be priced, purchased, and installed.
 - During the first incident to which it was dispatched (#13 off Deadman) it was the only vehicle on scene capable of reaching the incident site and was used to carry firefighters to scene, pull disabled vehicle out to where a 2wd tow truck could access it, and transport owner of disabled vehicle to tow truck.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

RESOLUTION 21-005

In Recognition of

Chief Mark Rode

Whereas, Mark Rode has served as Chief of the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department (CLVFD) from 2017 to 2021; and

Whereas, Chief Rode worked faithfully and tirelessly to improve his personal skills and the response capabilities of the CLVFD, to increase the membership of the department, and to enhance the stature of the District and the Department in the community at large; and

Whereas, Chief Rode, and his wife, Marie, have been exemplary leaders in the Crystal Lakes and the Red Feather Lakes Communities; and

Whereas, Chief Rode's dedication and personal commitment to the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District, the CLVFD, and the Crystal Lakes community will be sorely missed;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, *in recognition of these and many other accomplishments, we, the members of the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board of Directors, do hereby approve and present this resolution to Mark Rode in appreciation for his service as Chief of the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, dated this twenty-third day of June, twenty-twenty-one.*

Secretary **President** **Vice President**

Treasurer **Member-at-Large**