

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for July 15, 2021
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, Harold Alexander, Jim Kubichek, Evan Rau.

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Jody Randol moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, June 17, 2021: Harold Alexander moved to approve the minutes, as corrected, for the June 17th meeting. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Race noted that \$40,000 was transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to the checking account for the purchase of the new brush truck, Brush 1. She noted that for the new Squad 1 an Brush 1, the titles have been received. She also noted that the new **Squad 1 will have license plates. During the report, Harold Alexander suggested** donating or selling the old white brush truck (old Brush 2). Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion

passed unanimously. *NOTE: There was a medical call during the meeting which prolonged the length of the meeting as the meeting was suspended until all were present.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rau presented the Department report which is included at the end of these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PVREA: Shirla reported that the PVREA visited the station to see if they could determine why the electric bill is higher since the Cameron Peak Fire. Nothing was discovered to explain the increased usage.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Board Resolution 21-5 Chief Rode- Jody Randol made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-005, thanking former Chief Rode for his efforts and dedication on behalf of and to the department and district. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Board review the Larimer County HMP (Hazard Mitigation Plan) and consider adoption of the plan, recording such adoption in a resolution. Jim Kubichek made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-006, accepting the Multi-jurisdictional Larimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Harold Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Doug Race was recognized with special thanks for his time and effort in shepherding the Plan to the District, the Road and Recreation Association and the Water and Sewer Association.

As the Board Desires: None

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: August 19, 2021 at the Fire Station.

Adjournment:

Jody Randol moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Resolution No. 2021-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CRYSTAL LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADOPTING THE LARIMER COUNTY MULTI-JURIDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District, with assistance from Shayle Nelson Sabo, has gathered information and prepared the Larimer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS the Larimer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.R.F. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District, a local unit of government in the State of Colorado, has been provided a review of the plan and has affirmed that the plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board of Directors that the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District adopts the Larimer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) as approved by FEMA, as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan.

Dated this 19th day of the year 2021

CRYSTAL LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: _____

President

ATTEST

Secretary

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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July 15, 2021

Fire Department Report, YTD.

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

- **Business meetings:** 1, in person with four 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 (LCSO), Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), and Poudre Fire Authority (PFA).
- **NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee (quarterly):** Involves representatives of the mountain departments, as well as Wellington Fire, PFA, UCH, and LCSO. Discuss emergency medical response in northern Larimer County.
- **Emergency Responder's Roundtable:** Representatives invited from all emergency response agencies in Larimer County. Only nine attendees. Open discussion about any county-wide or zone-specific observations, concerns, and experiences.
- **Incidents** – 11 since last report, **33 YTD 2021**
 - #23: MVA at Nowata and Ottawa with no injuries.
 - #24: Blunt trauma to head on Kalispell, no transport.
 - #25: Medical, vomiting and dizziness at the Potbelly. Mutual aid.
 - #26: Shrapnel trauma to hand up Deadman Rd. Mutual aid.
 - #27: Medical, Syncope (fainting) on CR 73c
 - #28: Medical, Syncope on Tesuque Tr.
 - #29: Smoke report. Unattended campfire on Yacqui Ct.
 - #30: Trauma, fishhook in finger on Shoshoni Dr.
 - #31: Medical, altitude sickness on Concho Ct.
 - #32: Smoke report. Unattended campfire on Kispoko Ct.
 - #33: Medical, COVID symptoms w/neg test on Yosco Ct.

2. PERSONNEL:

- No new members since last month. New members actively engaged in training, and doing very well.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings:** July training was wildland water supply with a review of brush truck pumps. August training is a Cumulative Scenario that involves structure fire, wildland fire, and EMS skills in a simulated scenario. Optional trainings take place the Thursday after regular training and will review and practice previous training activities. July optional training involved working with a new drone to be used for smoke report investigation and wildland fire size-up, among other uses to increase safety and/or speed of response.
- Individual trainings: I completed S212 Wildland Chainsaw class on 06/27/21. Now certified sawyer as far as CLVFD is concerned. I am following up with the training organization Monday to see about final certification to allow sawyer work on fires managed by county, state, or federal agencies.

- **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. Member Brian Casselman was fit for bunker gear earlier this week.
- **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** - Approved. Equipment ordered. Some delivered. Includes 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, July awards announced (we were not among the awardees).

5. COMMUNITY

Community classes offered by CLVFD

- June
Fire Mitigation in the Home Ignition Zone, 06/13
Evacuation: How and When to Get Out, 06/26
- July
Chainsaw Safety, 07/11
Get Wildfire Smart about Insurance, 07/24

6. 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.

- We have become lax with these standards, but will discuss at next Officer's meeting whether these standards are still appropriate. If so, will reaffirm these protocols and enforce them.

- **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.

UPDATE:

- The Greenbelt Committee meeting for July was cancelled because of a family emergency. No reschedule yet.
- I reached out to the Larimer County Initial Attack Module, which may be able to help conduct mitigation projects. I heard back just this afternoon and will be scheduling a meeting with a member of the IA and members of the Greenbelt Committee to discuss potential collaboration.

- **NEW BRUSH TRUCK PURCHASE:** Dodge Ram 5500 w/custom utility box
 - The truck is here and is in-service: WORKING BEAUTIFULLY!
 - 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.
 - Delays have been related to emblem and striping contractors not communicating with us in a timely matter.

- **SQUAD REPLACEMENT TRUCK: Dodge Ram 2500**
 - 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. I hope to kick that into gear next week.
 - Same delays with emblems and striping as brush truck

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire