

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for July 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Hass at 7:03 PM.

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol Jim Kubichek and Harold Alexander, Anne Dirmeyer and Evan Rau via Zoom.

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Steve Dirmeyer

Approval of Agenda: Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Anne Dirmeyer. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, June 16, 2022: Jody Randol made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 16 meeting. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dirmeyer presented the monthly Treasurers report. Nothing remarkable was noted. Jody Randol made the motion to accept the written Treasurer's report which was seconded by Jim Kubichek. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rau presented the monthly Department report which can be found following the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vault Progress: Steve Dirmeyer reported that the vault installation was completed.

Ratify email vote of July 12 to allow Water & Sewer to post a direction sign near the fuel area.

The board ratified the email vote to approve the Water and Sewer District's request to place a sign directing residents to their office. The ratification was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

Harold Alexander has been exploring upgrading the internet service to the station. He will report his findings to the board.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: Thursday, August 18, 2022

Adjournment: Harold Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Anne Dirmeyer.

The motion passed unanimously. The board adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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July 21, 2022

Fire Department Report

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting

- **Business meetings:** 1, in person with one member via Zoom
- **NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday. These have been reduced to once monthly on the first Wednesday of the month
- **NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee (bimonthly):** I am rarely available to attend these meetings. There is no one else available to attend in my stead right now.
- **Incidents** – 10 since last CLFPD meeting.
 - 022: 06/18/22 – Medical: Weakness with coughing on Ada Ct.
 - 023: 06/18/22 – MVA with Medical: fatal rollover on CR74E east of Phantom Ranch Rd
 - 024: 06/19/22 – Smoke: extra smoky campfire on Marmot Rd.
 - 025: 06/24/22 – Medical: Fall with extremity injury on Pueblo Dr.
 - 026: 06/27/22 – Illegal Burn: “Rager” campfire near Kelly’s corner, Mutual Aid with Red Feather.
 - 027: 07/03/22 – Medical: Cardiac arrest at Beaver Meadows Cabins.
 - 028: 07/10/22 – Illegal Burn: smoke/steam from extinguished campfire at CR73c and Huron.
 - 029: 07/16/22 – Smoke: smoke was actually clouds seen from Miami Ct.
 - 030: 07/17/22 – RF medical: run # assigned to CL in error.
 - 031: 07/17/22 – Structure Fire: Cabin fire on Lone Pine Ct. in Red Feather.

2. PERSONNEL:

- My work schedule has stabilized until January and adjustments have been made to the fire department schedule to facilitate my presence at trainings and meetings.
- Most of our firefighters are unavailable to respond to calls, currently.
 - One firefighter out due to recent heart event. Return to light duty soon.
 - One out with a bad shoulder. Recommend Leave of Absence and return of gear
 - One out with debilitating nerve impingement. Return to service date unknown.
 - One out on vacation until mid-late September
 - Two out on vacation until the end of the month
 - One out with COVID

3. TRAINING:

Department trainings:

- June’s training was Wildland Fire 2: Engine operation, line digging, and mop-up. Thursday’s training was cancelled for lack of available participants. Saturday’s joint training was the only training for June.
- July training was Structure Fire 2. More practice pulling hose and extension this month to water supply techniques.
- August training topic is Low-Angle Rescue (ropes). This focuses on knot tying, z-rig or 3:1 rope setup, and team-carrying a patient in a stokes basket up a steep, but walkable incline.
- **2022 Training schedule** in place with RFLVFD:

| Month | Topic |
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| JANUARY | Scene Size-Up, ICS, |
| FEBRUARY | Apparatus Rodeo |
| MARCH | Ice Rescue |
| APRIL | Wildland 1 |
| MAY | Structure 1 |

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| JUNE | Wildland 2 |
| JULY | Structure 2 |
| AUGUST | Low-angle Rescue |
| SEPTEMBER | Cumulative Scenario/Beaver Meadows |
| OCTOBER | Extrication |
| NOVEMBER | SCBA |
| DECEMBER | Radios (Combined Training=Mock Incidents) |

4. **GRANTS:**

- **2021-22 Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** – Approved for one SCBA setup with two bottles along with 6 pair of wildland pants. This overlaps with the United Way grant, which was announced, applied for, and granted between the time we applied for the Safety and Disease Prevention Grant and the time we learned it would be awarded to us. We will ask if there is flexibility in substitution, as we already ordered these items, paid for by the United Way grant.
- **VFA Grant** - We were awarded a VFA grant for new fire shelters to replace outdated design and worn-out practice shelters. We sent in the packet accepting the award this morning.
- **DFPC** - The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) announced they are opening the application process to receive equipment through House Bill (HB) 22-1194 funding. HB 22-1194 allocated 5 million dollars for purchasing firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) to include structural and wildland PPE, wildland line packs, fire shelters, and self-contained breathing apparatus. We just heard about this, and will be assessing PPE needs, as this is a needs-based funding opportunity.

5. **COMMUNITY**

Community classes offered by CLVFD for 2022:

- The planned Community Class offerings for 2022 are: 1 Chainsaw Safety, 1 Stop the Bleed, 1 Insurance, 1 Mitigation, and 2 Evacuation classes. These numbers are subject to change, depending on instructor availability and community member interest.
 - Discussion has begun to involve more members of the department to help with the classes. We have not yet organized such members to help with classes.
- We will begin recording some of the classes this year to make them available online to be taken anytime. Not all classes will be offered this way, such as the Chainsaw and Stop the Bleed classes. We plan to offer the evacuation and mitigation classes this way this year.
 - Marian has already recorded the mitigation class and posted it on YouTube with a link on our website: <https://www.clvfd.org/community-education/>
- I still hope to be able to schedule one chainsaw class and one stop-the-bleed class before the end of summer, but that may not happen.

Road closure within District:

Bear Ridge Road was recently blocked by property owner using t-posts down the center and across the road, just east of Koyukon on the southwest corner of the 15th filing. I have had no luck contacting or even discovering the identity of the President of the PCRA. What I have been told is that they are probably in the process of dissolving. I have learned that the property line roped off appear accurate, based on drawings prepared by Doug Ritter, but there is also an historical access easement, so the jury's out on whether his closure is technically lawful. Doug Ritter did recall that the property owner once mentioned that, should a gate be erected across this road, that access would be granted to the fire department. I have yet to reach out to the property owner about fire department access with the current barriers.

6. **OTHER:**

COVID-19

- No policy changes since last meeting
- One member became infected with COVID. Precautions are being taken by all potentially exposed, including masking during any incidents or interaction with the public. All members have access to free home test kits available at the fire station.

CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

- Committee is run by the CL Road and Rec Board. CLVFD Chief is a member of the committee to develop a mitigation plan and guidelines. This project is roughly halfway through its completion with expected completion date in November, 2022.
- The Larimer County Initial Attack Module has agreed to conduct a mitigation project on a 4.6-acre greenbelt area (Tract I) the 12th Filing. That project is scheduled to start on Monday, August 1.
- Cheryl Poage has been working with Larimer County OEM to secure federally available funds for mitigation. Larimer County has agreed to act as fiscal agent on a 36-month grant requiring a 12.5% match, including in-kind funds. This application has been submitted. I have heard this has been approved. An archaeologist has been contacted to determine if an archeological review is necessary prior to work being done.

EQUIPMENT

- UTV
There are ongoing discussions about purchasing a UTV similar to the one recently purchased and put into service by RFLVFD. The CLVFD Officers have yet to reach a consensus about whether to move forward on this project. If the department moves forward with the project, it intends to request the use of capital funds to fund the project.
- Boat
CLVFD plans to house the inflatable boat we purchased in a shed located to the northwest of the boat ramp at the east access to Panhandle Reservoir. Approval from Crystal Lakes Water and Sewer Board, who owns the property upon which the shed would be placed, is still pending. Brad has agreed to draw up some proposed designs to present to the W&S Board.
- Support
This apparatus began to fail to start. It was repaired at Loveland Ford and has been starting reliably and driving fine since the repair. It has a history of inadequate power and sluggish transmission functionality, the repair of which would likely be more expensive than would be worth putting into the vehicle at this point. Discussions about replacing this apparatus have started, but it is not an immediate priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department