

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 19, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Audio Recording Available

I. Call to Order: 19:03 hours. Virtual Meeting using Zoom.com

Present: Jim Wells (Pres.), Paula Martinez (Secretary/Treasurer), Dave Alexander (Board Member), Trace Griffith (Board Member), John Bockrath (Dist. Chief), David Blunt (Asst. Fire Chief), Sonny Lopez (Dist. Admin.), Candy Meehan (Dist. Bookkeeper)

Online: John Metzger (VP/PIO)

Absent: Mark Garcia (Cpt/WL Coordinator)

Others in Attendance: Will Malley, Mike Price, Casey Griffith

II. Minutes from December 2021 Regular Meeting

- Dave motioned to accept the minutes. Trace. 2nd. All Aye/ No Nay's. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Presentation of Disbursement & Monthly Budget Approvals
 - Sonny & Candy presented.
 - Unpaid bills detail as of 1/15/2022 (2 pgs)
 - Profit & Loss Budget vs. Accrual 1/1-1/12 -2022 (14 pgs)
 - Balance sheet as of 1/12/2022 (1 pg)
 - Trial Balance as of 1/12/2022 (1 pg)
 - Payroll liability balances 1/1 – 1/12 - 2022 (1 pg)
 - Profit & Loss 1/1-1/12 - 2022 (1 pg)
 - Open invoices 1/12/2022 (1 pg)
 - Paula motioned to approve bills. Dave 2nd. All Aye/ No Nay's. Motion passed
 - Brief discussion occurred concerning balance sheet /payroll liabilities clarification

IV. Public Walk-in/Comments (Online Zoom) –

- None

V. Old Business

- None

VI. New Business

- Board Training Update
 - No word yet it is possibly pushed back to do new DEO training and new SDA Board rules / election cycle. Update tba
- New Building Update
 - John B presented to the Town Board to purchase 10 acres of the 19 that the town owns behind Cottonwood Estates
 - Initial steps being taken to secure grants to cover the costs.
 - No plans for mill levy. 100% cost covered is the goal.
 - Open land grant can be approached by adding a Mini Golf course
 - EV Charging stations will also be approached with grant opportunities
 - Discussion occurred on land purchase and grants for the effort
- Chief Paramedic Status (Presented by John B.)
 - John B reported that Matt isn't happy about the departure and has stated to community members he was fired
 - John B made an offer to John Perry who was recently interviewed. Mr. Perry declined
 - Katherine was hired as an Ambulance Coordinator. On her first day she was called into action. John is very happy with her
 - John B has arranged backup (Telluride Fire/EMS) in case he leaves the area on a call. Backup coverage is in place 24/7
 - A copy of Matt's emailed resignation letter is attached at the end of these minutes
- Board Position Opening
 - Paula announced her official resignation from the board. She will be leaving the area at the end of February. She offered help in the transition period and to pass on knowledge to anybody who would like it. John B thanked Paula for all her help and hard work.
 - Norwood Board By-Laws are going to be rewritten. Our DOLA rep communicated that we are the only district in the state where two board seats must be district volunteers.
 - Sonny will be taking DEO training and pass on the new information. Discussion occurred.

- District Annex
 - The Sheriff is getting out to fire suppression and as a result both Telluride Fire and Norwood Fire district boundaries will increase in size. John B, Casey, Mark attended a meeting with the Sheriff where this was communicated. A map with new boundaries was presented to the board and participants. John explained the boundaries expansion and the difference between EMS coverage area and fire coverage area.
 - Luke Odeon communicated the expansion/annex is something we need to do and we should be billing the locations that we help out that are not in our official district area.
 - John B talked to the GIS office and got all the addresses affected. The county will start the process Feb 1st 2022 to notify landowners of the changes. Then NFPD will follow up talking to landowners to gauge support. The goal is to have this done within a year. Only 24 residences are affected by this change. The Annexation will go to a vote in November 2022. We need 60% support for it to pass. If it doesn't pass then we will have to go to a billing system. Discussion occurred. John B. would like to add Sanborn to this expansion.
 - This is a 3 step process. The NFPD board must pass a resolution to start the process. Then we go to the attorneys to make the language legal. Then we go to our insurance carrier to approve the annexation.
 - John B asked for equipment. The county will distribute equipment in the future. This change should result in a \$40k increase in tax revenues.
 - Our new boundary will be about 1200 square miles. Egnar has been invited to the conversation but only have 5 people on the department, 3 of the 5 are over 70 yrs old. Dove creek covers their area.

VII. Wildland Captain's Report (Mark not present / Presented by John B.)

- AOP Meeting was today for SMC, tomorrow for Montrose county. Annual meeting.
- The rest if the winter does not look good. Warm and dry on the horizon. El Nino cycle will start in August. We expect a dry summer.
- The entire Southwest looks to be extremely dry in the new future
- SMC is receiving a donated helicopter and donated pilot. Bill wants the bird in the air. The pilot is donating his time. The helicopter can help with care flight and search and rescue efforts. Next year it will outfitted to drop water.
- Luke suggested looking into Severity Pay. The forest service will pay us to keep a crew locally and we will receive \$100k a month. The crew would belong to the forest service.
- John B is tasking Mark and Casey to help with this effort.
- The longer-term goal is to turn the old station into a new Wildland Regional Center once the new station is built.
- John Schorske wants the Norwood WL crew to join the Taskforce. This opens up local resources and helps protect the local area. An honor to receive the invitation.
- Casey reported we have one mitigation project coming up on Friday.

VIII. Chief Paramedic's Report (Presented by John B.)

- Calls to service for January 2022
 - Fire: 1 EMS: 14 Transports: 6 Total for year: 15
- John B has been delegating EMT responsibilities. John B reported that David B has been a huge help (only other EMT who can start an IV)
- EMR class - TBA - 40 hour class. All FF who are not EMT must get EMR certified. This is a national certification.
- Katherine has been doing a fantastic job and has really stepped up to help out. Katherine has been attending the county health meetings.
- We need to get more COVID test stickers in order to perform more tests.
- NFPD provides COVID tests for the community for free. UMC is charging \$100 per test. We may start to charge people tbd.

IX. District Chief's Report

- Planning and Zoning meeting
 - Pinon Ridge subdivision was discussed (located south of the library)
 - John B asked for another fire hydrant to the current plan
 - Testing with Randy (public works) resulted in 60 psi at the end of the fire hydrant
 - Randy is giving NFPD the freedom to start testing hydrants ourselves in the future
 - Parking is an issue in the new development (street width is 50ft instead of 60ft)
 - Snow removal is an issue and will be figured out on these 50ft planned streets
 - John B recommends no parking on the street is the solution to the challenge
 - Current plan has cars parked at the fire hydrants even though there needs to be 15ft of no parking on each side
 - Sonny suggested angled parking on the north side of Kiwi street.
- Larger sub-division
 - D3 homes for the newer subdivision
 - John Miller met with John B concerning this project. He wants John B involved from the start.
- Old Clinic

- 7 apartments is planned. NFPD is requiring sprinklers.
- The builder may pull out over this requirement. Life safety is priority

- Montrose county
 - Communicating with officials in Montrose.

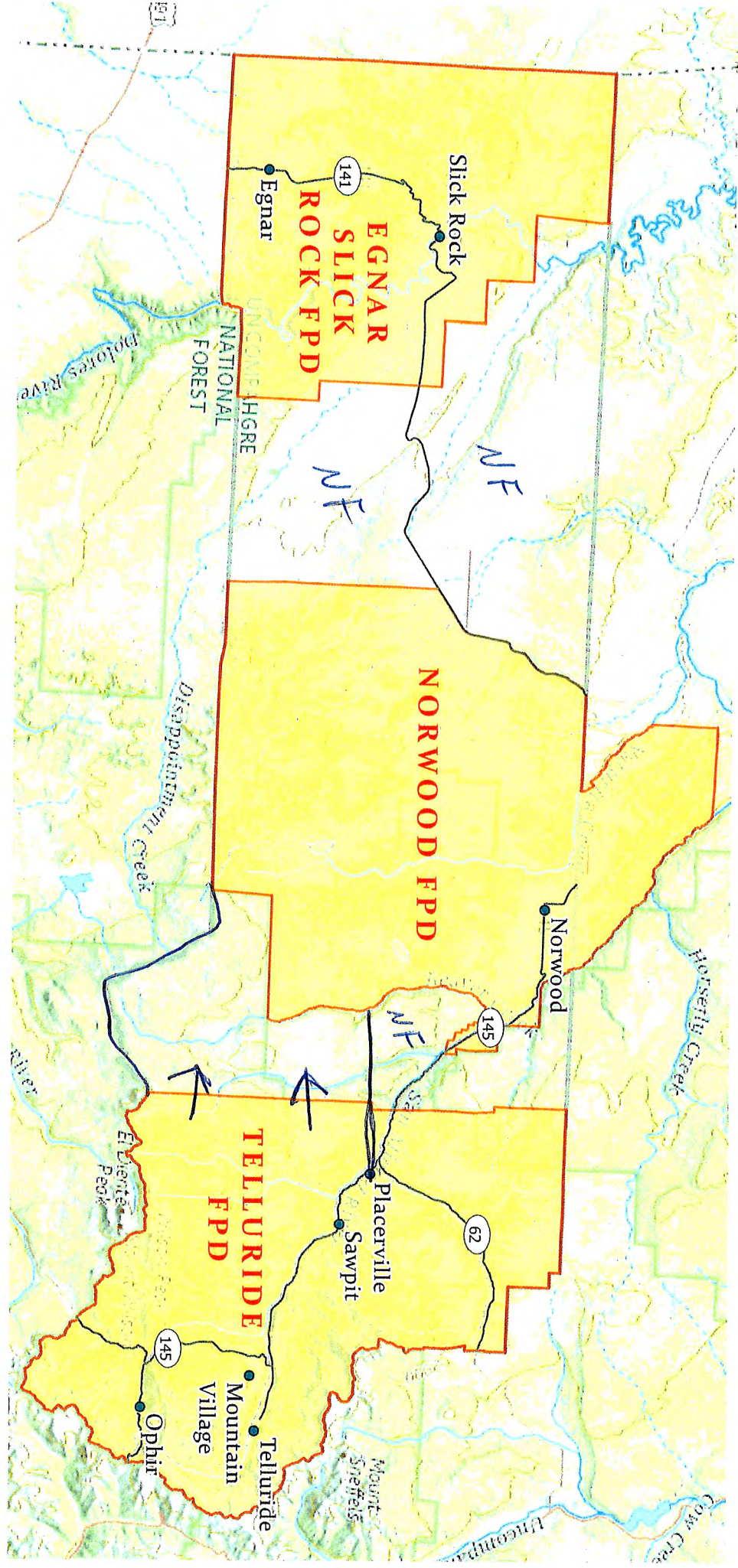
- Mock Crash
 - John B met with the student council
 - Thursday April 14th 2022
 - Real time response at 8:30am
 - One student dead, multiple injured, one intoxicated
 - Dispatch will be involved
 - Nucla and Naturita will be involved
 - Extraction of victims, Care flight, BLM, funeral home, SMC, State Patrol all part of the presentation
 - After lunch a sentence will be conducted
 - Finally a funeral will be performed. So the kids can see what the consequences are to drinking and driving
 - Discussion occurred. Last mock crash was 5 years ago

X. Announcements

- None

XI. Adjourn

- 20:36 hours
- Paula motioned to adjourn. Dave. 2nd. Motion passed.



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Telluride

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Disappointment Creek

Horsefly Creek

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Sneffels

Cow Creek

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NFPD Board,

I want to thank you for all of your work and dedication in finding a better salary. At this point, I am going to have to decline. While it is a considerable raise, it just won't be enough for me to be able to stay. I am very sorry and I really appreciate all of the effort. I would appreciate the opportunity to remain in my position until I am able to secure other employment, if possible. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.