

**GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 21, 2010**

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors  
Lynn Shore (5/2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> term)                      Stacy Letson (5/2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1<sup>st</sup> term)                      Keith Lammey (5/2012, 1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Absent: None

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief                      Robert Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief  
Diana Connell, Admin. Specialist              Bob Tipping, Captain

Public: Michelle Foster

President Shore called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 16, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Letson. Approved by all.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for June, 2010 were reviewed and discussed. Chief Blair mentioned line item 100120, Salaries & Wages-Reimbursable Expense program, will probably go over budget this year. Some items have been miscoded under Fire Fighting. The corrections will be made before next Board meeting. Nelson asked if, in the future, there could be a column added showing the year to date budget. Nelson will meet with Connell to discuss it further. Lammey moved to approve the June, 2010 financials subject to audit. Seconded by Nelson. Approved by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Foster commented she has received many favorable comments from the community that have been serviced/assisted by the various District crews.

Foster mentioned the picnic was nice and she and her grandkids had a great time.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Discussion/Approval of Document Retention & Destruction Schedule – There was no discussion, changes or corrections. Nelson made a motion to adopt the Resolution, Colorado Special District Record Retention & Destruction Schedule. Seconded by Letson. Approved by all.
- Discussion of HB-1041 – Chief Blair had available the information that was presented at the last Board meeting. Shore mentioned the Battlement Mesa Concerned Citizens made their presentation to the County Commissioners. The County Commission legal staff came back and felt it was not appropriate to move forward. The Commissioners then asked their attorney to talk with the Concerned Citizens Attorney, who was not available. Nelson stated the County Attorney felt the Community did not qualify as a new Community under that law. The BCC protested with a difference of opinion with the two attorneys. Shore said the Battlement Mesa Concerned Citizens is asking various special

tax districts for a letter of support to the Board of County Commissioners. Shore asked the Board if they were interested in providing a letter of support with regards to the 1041 option. The Board opted not to provide a letter of support at this time.

- Update of impacts of energy company reassessment – Chief Blair said the District received a letter from the County that stated our amount on the County reassessment will be \$88,766.65. Part of it has come out this month and the rest will come out next month.
- Update of possible impacts of Proposition 101, Amendments 60 & 61 – Chief Blair went to the Roundtable that was held in Grand Junction. He said the focus of the meeting was how negatively it will affect everyone. These three items are already approved to be on the ballot in November. Chief Blair distributed and reviewed a spreadsheet on Revenue Limits Comparison. The spreadsheet compares the Mill Levy Method, 5.5% Limits and TABOR Revenue Limit. If the District had not been De-bruced as of 2010, the operating revenue would have been \$1,263,007(TABOR) instead of \$6,892,860(Mill Levy, 3.267). Chief Blair mentioned that if this passes and the new fire station is paid off this year, the District will not be able to make the operating expenses next year. He said it would make sense to escrow the money and continue to make the yearly payment. This could cover the District until the District can request a De-brucing amendment again. Chief Blair will present two budgets for next year. He said the District could De-bruce ahead of time. The District could ask the question on the November ballot to De-bruce the District for the next four years contingent on Amendment 60 passes. The District's attorney agreed that this can be done. Chief Blair suggested a mail in ballot asking the question to allow the Fire District to accept and retain funds at no increase in mill levy. This means the District would legally not have to abide with amendment 60. The cost would be around \$6,000 for a mail in ballot. Letson made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with a separate mail in ballot for this fall asking the community to allow the District to De-bruce. Seconded by Nelson. Approved by all.
- Schedule August Pension meeting – It was confirmed that the next scheduled Pension Board meeting is on August 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm.
- Discuss Public Use/Training Room – Chief Blair mentioned that the use of the Training Room has been abused by the Community. Out of all the parties that have been schedule, only one left the room cleaned and undamaged. It has caused havoc on the District's staff. The Board agreed that the District will no longer rent out the Training Room to the community for parties and that a GVFPD Member may have a party if he/she is in attendance.
- Chief Blair distributed the Membership handbook. He asked that next month a decision be made by the Board for approval or sending back to be revised.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Deputy Chief Ferguson updated the Board on the various committees.

- The Salary Committee had their first meeting this morning. Each person was assign a certain department to get salary information from and will report back at the next meeting.
- The Platform Committee - Chase Spaid was given all the information and the committee is to start researching all the options and to do a needs assessment and a wants assessment to choose from.

- The Tender Committee – Chief Ferguson has had a hard time getting information from Front Range Fire. He has given all information to Rob Cooney and told him to get together with the other committee members and provide a needs and wants list.

Deputy Fire Chief Ferguson said the past Saturday was testing for the Volunteer/Part-time Employee positions. There were 11 applicants, two had high blood pressure and could not test. Eight individuals completed/passed the process. If all eight individuals pass the employment physical, they will be brought on the District.

Deputy Fire Chief Ferguson said the County asked if the District would be an air monitoring station at the new fire station, for one year. The Board agreed it would not be a problem.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Anderson asked Chief Blair if he could send out a written report describing the agenda items with the Board packets. Chief Blair agreed.

Shore mentioned an individual came in and told the staff he gave them permission to do something. He said he has not and will not tell someone they can do something without a Chiefs' permission.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business or discussions, Nelson made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lammey. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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Diana E. Connell, Administrative Assistant

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Lynn Shore, Board President

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Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer