

**GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 18, 2010**

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

Absent: None

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

Public: Michelle Foster

President Shore called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 21, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Letson. Approved by all.

Minutes from the July 30, 2010 Special Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lammey. Approved by all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for July, 2010 were reviewed and discussed. Nelson moved to approve the July, 2010 financials subject to audit. Seconded by Lammey. Approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anderson gave Shore a letter to read to the Board, submitted by Battlement Mesa Metro District and Staff. The letter thanked GVFPD and Staff for their assistance on the August 13, 2010 major waterline break on S. Battlement Pkwy. GVFPD provided equipment and assistance to provide a temporary water supply to the Valley View Subdivision. BMMD is appreciative to the Fire District's support and co-operation.

2009 AUDIT PREPARATION

Colorado CPA Services postponed presenting the Audit due to some corrections provided by Chief Blair. They will present the Audit at the next Board meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Discussion/Approval of Revised GVFPD Member Handbook** – There were no corrections or additions to the Handbook. Nelson made a motion to adopt the the GVFPD Member Handbook. Seconded by Lammey. Approved by all.
- **Update of possible impacts of Proposition 101, Amendments 60 & 61, De-brucing** – Chief Blair distributed and discussed information provided by Kutak Rock LLP analyzing the difficult issues that Colorado governments will be left to struggle with if Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101 appearing on the November 2010 ballot are approved by the voters. In particular to the borrowing; they believe, based on current

TABOR law, that it does not affect current outstanding borrowing debts. Therefore, Chief Blair stated he is more comfortable about the District's lease purchase situation, in light of Dino Ross's position. He believes Dino Ross is covering all bases and notifying the District that, even if the voters approve the De-Brucing of the District, there is a chance it will not be valid if Amendment 60 is passed. If the Board wishes to go ahead with the De-Brucing election, the IGA must be signed by the County Clerks by August 24, 2010. Shore confirmed the cost of the election will be over \$11,000. The Board agreed that the District should take the risk and continue with the De-Brucing election.

- **Preparation of 2011 Budget strategies discussion** – The assessed valuations do not come out until August 25th and Chief Blair is still waiting on the worksheets from the Auditor, to begin the budget preparation. He will provide three different budgets; a) business as usual, meaning Proposition 101 and amendments 60 and 61 do not pass, b) if amendment 60 passes, and the District does not get De-Bruced, and amendment 61 fails, and c) if amendments 60 and 61 passes, and the District does not get De-Bruced.
- **Other**
 - **Final turn-over of building report** – Deputy Chief Ferguson said the final turn over will be next Tuesday at 10:00 am.
 - **Approval of training requests**
 - A request for Darrell Charlesworth and Andrew Duprey was made for the approval of them to start their EMT-I program. The cost will be \$13,208 for the both of them. They will sign the three year contract. Letson made a motion to approve Charlesworth and Duprey's request for EMT-I training. Seconded by Nelson. Approved by all.
 - A request for Cody Blair was made for the HazMat Technician recertification training at the cost of \$1,324. Letson made a motion to approve Cody Blair for HazMat Technician training. Seconded by Nelson. Approved by all.
 - **District participation in recent events** – The District participated in the Grand Valley Days and the climbing wall was a big hit. The District also participated in Touch-A-Truck and the block party at the Battlement Mesa Plaza.
 - Chief Blair requested approval to spend the budgeted amount of \$29,000 to purchase two Thermal Imaging Cameras. Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of two Thermal Imaging Cameras. Seconded by Letson. Approved by all.
 - Chief Blair requested the approval to purchase Bone Mics for the Full time staff members and getting the additional face masks for the training tower. These items have been budgeted for \$15,000. Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bone mics and masks. Seconded by Lammey. Approved by all.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Chief Ferguson updated the Board on the various committees.

- The Salary Committee – The committee almost has all information ready to submit to Chief Blair for the budgeting process. It should be available for the Board to review at the next meeting.
- The Ladder/Platform and Tender Committees -. The committee is still going through the options and specifications of the apparatus. He told them to make a needs list to meet NFPA codes. The committee will take a field trip to look at other similar apparatus's that have been built by the manufacturer. Chief Blair

asked if any Board member would like to go on the trip to Pierce, in Wisconsin, to view some of the trucks and see the process of building the truck. Shore, Nelson, and Lammey said they would be interested sometime at the beginning of October. They will go along with two or three other individuals from the committee.

Deputy Chief Ferguson distributed and reviewed an Operations Report for July 2010. He will develop this report monthly and will make it available to the public. The Board agreed this information would be beneficial knowledge to the public.

OTHER BUSINESS

Shore stated he researched the interest rates for investing the \$5 million dollars. Unless the District is willing to commit for a long period of time, the interest rate is less than 1%. If there was a five year commitment, the interest rate would be 1.2 to 1.6%. It was agreed, by consensus, that the District is not willing to make a long term commitment.

Anderson addressed some concern on the paging issues from Dispatch on VHF. Chief Blair said he will discuss the issue with Carl at Dispatch.

ADJOURN

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

Diana E. Connell, Administrative Assistant

Lynn Shore, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer