

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors
Lynn Shore (5/2012, 2nd term) Keith Lammey (5/2012, 1st term)
Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1st term)
Kevin Whelan (5/2012, appointed)
Absent: Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1st term)
Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief, Robert Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief,
Kim Reeves, Admin. Specialist
Public: Michelle Foster

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

Shore moved to excuse Anderson. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for July, 2011 and August 2011 were reviewed and discussed. There were some errors in figures, which will need to be corrected and presented at regular Board Meeting in October. Kim will email corrected financial to all Board Members. Also need to email all Board Members an accounts receivable report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle expressed that she has received comments on the 911 Flag Display and that some others in the community expressed that they would have liked to have been informed in advance of the event so they could have attended the ceremony.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

➤ **Fire Chief's accident**

Chief Blair was involved in a motorcycle vs. dog accident on August 20th and broke his left shoulder. Chief Blair has been on duty since his accident and continues to recover.

➤ **Strategic Plan**

The strategic planning session was held August 27th and was facilitated by Jody Andrews and Michelle Smith. The meeting was attended by all 5 Board of Directors, Chief Blair, Deputy Chief Ferguson, Division Chief Rowe, Captains Davidson, Langner and Tipping, and Firefighters Spade and Wade. The meeting took the entire day and produced several areas of concern or needs to address in the near and distant future. A document was produced and sent to the District which outlined the discussions and outcomes. Some items have already been assigned to the Captains to discuss amongst their companies and bring back to the Fire Chief.

➤ **Apparatus repair update**

This past month the District had 3 pieces of equipment sent into Grand Junction shops for repairs. Ambulance 33 went in for a noise coming from either the front or rear end (driveline noise) at highway speeds. It was determined that there was no damage to the drivelines or axles and that the noise was coming from cupping of the front tires. It is being scheduled for new front tires and an alignment. Brush 32 was used on a response and lost power returning to the station. It was sent into Ford and found that the turbo had rusted in place and was not functioning. Because of that, there was some additional damage found as well. They could not determine the source of the moisture which caused it to rust and cease working. Engine 32 developed some transmission problems after returning from the William's Tunnel fire. Crews were unable to get it into 4th gear. A service tech was called and found metal shavings in the pan. The transmission is being replaced and is scheduled to be in service by Friday September 23, 2011. The alternator went out in Utility 31. Repairs were made as necessary and the unit is back in service. The transmission in out on the Mule at the Parachute Training Center, Chief Blair will use parts from the cannibalized Mule in Rullison to try and make the necessary repairs in-house.

➤ **Parachute Training Center**

Crews have been burning the slash piles to get rid of fuels gathered during the initial removal of brush from the property. High Desert Surveying was brought in to survey the property pins and set some line lathe for the fencing crew. An RFP went out to three fencing contractors to fence in the property, repair the damaged section along CR 215 and set the entry gates. The only estimate that has been received is from Taylor Fence Company. This estimate was presented and reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the repairs and fencing project. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

➤ **Information sign at Station #1**

Bud's signs came to the station and walked the jobsite. The sign has been ordered and work will begin on the pedestal during the first part of October. The sign will take about 6-8 weeks to deliver. Mark Briels Electrical was hired to run the power to the site and install additional power in the server room to power the equipment needed in that space. This work was completed last week. The board agreed that there will need to be a written policy in place for the use of the sign by the community.

➤ **Budget preparations**

The District has received the Certification of Values for 2011(2010). The initial calculations are a 12.41% increase from last years combined values. As a result of the Strategic Planning session, Chief Blair is trying to restructure the Reserve, Part-Time and Volunteer requirements and pay structure. Chief Blair will ask the Board of Directors to consider a COLA increase based on the most current Denver/Boulder index. Chief Blair will also look at the Apparatus Maintenance section of the budget and make some changes based on the past few years of history. Capital project items will include the

potential purchase of the needed platform/ladder truck, tender and improvements at the Parachute Training Center.

➤ **OTHER**

- **9/11 ceremony**

The District held a short ceremony on the morning of 9-11-2011 to commemorate the 343 firefighters that lost their lives. Flags were lowered at 0646. 222 American flags were placed in front of Station#1, on the main lawn to represent the first lives that were lost during the collapse of the South Tower. A Bell Ceremony was held at 0749, the time of the collapse. 121 additional flags were placed in the lawn, closer to the front sidewalk representing the lives that were lost during the collapse of the North Tower. A Bell Ceremony was held at 0828 for the firefighters killed in the collapse of the North Tower. There were no firefighters killed at the Pentagon or in crash of Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

- **Station Payoff**

The Board Members and Chief Blair met with staff from Wells Fargo to present the check for the station pay off and take pictures for the article. The paperwork for the payoff was signed and Wells Fargo will complete the transfer on Friday September 30, 2011.

STAFF REPORT

- **District participation in recent events**

Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed some of the events that the District has participated in during the past month, as well as what the Operations Staff has been doing.

- **Medical Protocols**

Chief Ferguson discussed his meetings to complete the new medical protocols.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **2009 Fire Code Adoption**

The 2009 Fire Code Adoption was discussed and the Board was informed that the final draft of the code is not complete.

- **CDL Testing**

The paid staff is completing their CDL testing. Currently there is an exemption for Fire Departments, but eventually there may no longer be this exemption so

Grand Valley Fire Protection District is requiring all full time staff to successfully complete testing required to obtain a Class B CDL License. There are also 2 part time employees that successfully completed the testing to obtain their CDL.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Lynn J Shore, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer