

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – April 18, 2012

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

Absent: None

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief, Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief,
Kim Reeves, Admin. Specialist, Bob Tipping, Captain

Public: None

President Shore called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 21, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Lammey moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for March 2012 were reviewed and discussed. Lammey moved to approve the financial reports with corrections. Seconded by Whelan. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Draft letter on Board position related to mandatory sprinklers for one and two family dwellings as outlined in the proposed Garfield County BOCC adoption of the International Residential Fire Code.**
Lynn Shore and Chief Blair were tasked with writing a Draft letter to be presented to the rest of the Board of Directors at the Board meeting. Shore wrote the letter and Chief Blair reviewed it and it was forwarded to all other Directors. This letter was formally presented to the Board and discussed for possible submission to the BOCC as part of the accumulated pro/con position statements requested by the BOCC. Nelson moved that the Board move forward and approve the letter with discussed modifications. Seconded by Lammey. Shore, Nelson, Lammey and Anderson Approved. Whelan opposed.
- **Capital Projects account and status of proposed/budgeted projects**
Chief Blair presented the estimated cost of each of the three capital projects that are planned for this year. Chief Blair asked for direction from the Board of Directors as to whether to proceed or redirect funds and set a new vision for future savings and expenditures. It was decided by the Board that the District revisit the construction of the Pad at the Parachute Training Center at a later date. Chief Blair will get financing options and other information on the equipment purchases for review at the May Board Meeting. Anderson moved to approve soil sampling and engineering at the Parachute Training Center, and that the Capital Projects is revisited in June. Seconded by Nelson. All Approved.
- **50th year celebrations**
Chief Blair updated the Board of Directors on the status of events planned for the July 21st Open House and July 28th Grand Valley Days parade and banquet.

➤ **Training room acoustical improvements**

Chief Blair updated the Board of Directors on the status of acoustical improvements planned for the Training Room. The report has been returned to the District and RFP's have been sent out to have the work performed.

➤ **Wildland season updates**

The county fire chief's met on April 3rd and Sheriff Vallario had on the agenda, cost sharing and forming written agreements with each of the Fire Districts for cost of wild land fires within fire districts and without fire districts, unincorporated areas. He will be working to draft a proposal with the new county attorney/manager and will be visiting each of the District Boards.

Open burning was discussed. The new county wide burn permit was presented and discussed. It will probably need a few more changes but will become a reality soon.

Moratorium or not on continued burning through the rest of April and May. It is Chief Blair's opinion that we will continue to base consent on current and forecasted data as well as available resources. Most open burning has been completed as ditches are now filling.

Aiding and assisting homeowners with controlled burns. It is Chief Blair's opinion that we will continue to assist homeowners, the Town of Parachute and others that request assistance with open burning as long as those that we assist know that they are responsible for the burn, we will only help if a permit is issued, which takes care of the in prescription or not factor and most important, if staff is available.

STAFF REPORT

➤ **Election Update**

There has been one Public Member that has sent in a Letter of Interest to sit as a Member of the Board. Nelson believes that even though Shore is termed out that he can be appointed to retain his position on the Board.

At this time Shore stepped down as chair and Lammey took over as the chair for the discussion. The options to appoint Shore vs. "advertising" for the open position on the Board were discussed. The rules and regulations for this matter will be investigated further to verify that Shore can be appointed since he has reached his term limits.

Nelson moved to approve that Shore be appointed to maintain his position on the Board.

Seconded by Lammey. Nelson and Lammey in favor of the motion. Whelan and Anderson opposed the reappointment of Shore without clarification of the legalities of term limits.

The Board decided to advertise for the open position and review at the May Board Meeting.

➤ **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.

➤ **March OPS Report**

Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed the March 2012 Operations report.

OTHER

Anderson advised that the Metro District has been flushing fire hydrants and have found none to be in need of major repairs

Lammey would like the District to get a policy in place for use of the sign.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:25am

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Lynn J Shore, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer