

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 20, 2014

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors
Bill Nelson (5/2018, 2nd Term) Ted Anderson (5/2018, 2nd Term)
Keith Lammey (5/2016, 1st Term) Michelle Foster (5/2018, 1st Term)
Kevin Whelan (5/2016, 1st Term)

Absent: None

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief
Kim Reeves, Administrative Specialist Andrew Duprey, Lieutenant

Public:

President Whelan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Lammey moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for July 2014 were reviewed and discussed. Nelson moved to approve the financial reports, subject to audit. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lammey-Thanks to Chris and Adam for doing a great job with their presentation at the BMSA meeting and to the Wildland Crews for the Mesa Ridge mitigation project.

Whelan-Should the Board have a preset time limit on public comment during the Board Meetings to prevent it from dominating the meeting? The Board of Directors discussed this and feel that it has not been an issue in the past and there is no immediate need to set a time limit.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

➤ Old Business

- **Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Grant** – The Grant was submitted to DOLA July 28th. Results/awards will be made in October.
- **ISO article update** – Deputy Chief Ferguson sent out the Press Release to the Post Independent/Rifle Telegram, BMSA and others in the PIO group. Several members of the public have called and thanked us. Some insurance carriers have called for re-assessment information on specific home sites.
- **Station #2, Parachute Lease Agreement** – Chief Blair signed the approved Lease Agreement with the Town of Parachute after the July 16, 2014 Board of Directors meeting and hand delivered it to the Town of Parachute along with the first year's lease payment of \$10.00.
- **Emergency Operations planning** – Chief Blair is continuing to work on the Emergency Operations Base Plan. Chief Blair will bring copies of the plan to date to the meeting for review.
- **Alternative Energy at Station #1** – Chief Blair has been in contact with Matthew Shmigelsky, Clean Energy Economy for the Region and was advised that the amount of electricity being used at Station #1 does not make putting in a solar array feasible at this time, i.e. there were no investors interested in our project based on the return they would get.

- **FPPA Employer Election** – Michelle Foster cast the District’s vote in support of the of the increase for employees. The results of the election will not be made known until sometime in September. If the ballot question passes favorably, the changes will take place on January 01, 2015. Because this is strictly an increase on the employee side, the successful passage will have no effect on the 2015 Budget.

➤ **New Business**

- **Budget Season begins** – Chief Blair has contacted staff regarding the beginning of Budget Season and is soliciting items that may become part of the 2015 Budget. At this point the District has not received the Assessor’s August Assessment of Valuations.
- **Climate Control Maintenance Agreement** – Climate Control, the District’s HVAC maintenance contractor, is offering the District an upgrade to the existing annual maintenance program. This would be an internet based server program that would monitor the District’s Station #1 facility and allow changes and some repairs to be made remotely. Chief Blair and senior staff met with Chris Allen and went through the process and Chief Rowe is very supportive of the process and what it can do for the District. Nelson moved to upgrade the existing maintenance program with an addition to the written agreement that states that remote maintenance will be done at no extra charge to the District. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.
- **KSUN** – KSUN radio is seeking to upgrade its current equipment at the radio station and is asking for \$1,000 donation for the next 3years from the Fire District to help in this cause. The District does use this radio station has a means of getting out emergency messages to the public as well as informational messages. This radio station will also be a part of the Emergency Operations Plan for the Parachute / Battlement Mesa area. Chief Blair is in support of this donation as long as it is to be used to upgrade equipment and not for other commercial benefit. Lammey expressed his opinion to the Board of Directors, but excused himself from the vote as he is on the Board with KSUN. Nelson moved to approve the donation in one lump sum payment of \$3000.00 with the funds being restricted to the improvement of emergency communications. Seconded by Foster. All approved.
- **August 2014, Meet and Confer** – There was neither a request for a Meet and Confer session, nor was anyone present at the Fire Station at 1900 to hold a session.

➤ **Other**

- The District has had 2 full time Members turn in their resignations as they have accepted other full time employment. In house modified testing will be conducted to fill the positions. There will also be 4 part time/volunteer positions open.

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.

➤ **Wildland Crew Update**

Meetings are being planned. First one is August 23rd at the Battlement Schoolhouse. Work at Mesa Ridge is almost complete, little left at the waterfall to be completed. Post season maintenance/testing will be done the last two weeks of seasonal period. The Mesa Ridge Project has been completed. The Wildland Crews will start cleaning up the drainage by Station #1 and cleaning up the debris left during the previous Fire Wise Event. Whelan suggested that it may be a good time for the District to budget for the purchase of a chipper to assist in these projects. The

Board of Directors would like to see before and after photos of the projects and a report of what the Wildland projects at the end of the Wildland season.

➤ **Full Time Employee Sick Bank**

Deputy Chief Ferguson updated the BOD on the progress being made as it relates to the Sick Bank project and how it may work for GVFPD. The Board of Directors directed Chief Ferguson to contact the District's attorney and accountants to be sure that the District is staying in line with all legalities.

➤ **Emergency Reporting**

Deputy Chief Ferguson gave a quick overview presentation of the new reporting system and some of the highlights of the program.

➤ **OPS Report**

Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed the August 2014 Operations report.

Other

Lammey would like the District to explore the next step for sound improvements in the training rooms.

Nelson discussed the use of drones and the possibility of the District acquiring one for use.

Foster would like to have a system in the conference room to amplify voices for the Board Meetings and possibly have it tie into a recording system.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Kevin Whelan, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer