

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 21, 2013

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors
Keith Lammey (5/2016, 2nd Term) Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1st Term)
Eric Edgerton (05/2014, Appointed) Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1st Term)
Kevin Whelan (5/2016, 1st Term)

Absent: NONE

Staff: Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief Rob Cooney, Firefighter
 Kim Reeves, Administrative Specialist Chase Spaid, Firefighter
 Eric Langner, Captain

Public: None

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Lammey moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Whelan. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for July 2013 were reviewed and discussed. Lammey moved to approve the financial reports, subject to audit. Seconded by Edgerton. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

➤ **ISO Update**

The District staff met with Manuel Vasquez from ISO on July 30th and July 31st completing the review of the District's documentation. A short list of additional needs was created, most of which were completed by the morning of the 31st. Other information, such as additional fire hydrant flow data and Metro District pump and prv data was completed and sent off on August 15th. The initial results look very positive for an improvement to the District's current ISO rating of 6, 9, and 10. Actual results are expected in 1 ½ to 2 months, once the formal review is completed.

➤ **Update BOD on progress being made at Station #2, Parachute**

After the last month's decision to move forward with this project, staff has been fairly busy. Chief Blair met with the Rich Carter; the architect that designed the Battlement Mesa Station #1 and has him review the proposed plans for code compliance, feasibility and prepare attachments which can be used for RFP's to do the actual work. Additions to the project include code requirements to sprinkler the fire station to allow for residential occupancy, change out the existing heating and cooling system. Because the station is not to be used by the public, the District will not have to make it ADA compliant. The restriction against public access should only impact the Ladies Financial Planning meetings that are currently being held at this station once a month. We will ask the group to hold their meetings at the Battlement Mesa Fire Station and will make sure that they have full use of all the accommodations that were at the Parachute Fire Station, i.e. internet access, coffee and a place to meet. The Board of Directors would like to see bids and actual costs before moving forward with the project.

➤ **Sale of the District's 2006 Ford Explorer**

The District has received a sealed bid for the 2006 Ford Explorer for the BOD to consider. President Nelson opened and read the bid. Whelan moved to accept the bid of \$6500.00 and the proposed payment schedule. Seconded by Edgerton. All Approved.

➤ **Status of Districts Apparatus repairs**

The District's Ladder truck is back in service. Repairs were completed and the apparatus was picked up from Front Range Fire Apparatus on August 02, 2013. It was placed back in service the following day, due to the late time of its return.

The District's Ambulance #33 air conditioning system repairs were completed August 9th. The ambulance was picked up from Columbine Ford and re-stocked and placed back in service the same day.

The District's Tender 32 pump repairs were completed by Munro Pump on August 8th. The tank has been resealed and tested. The rear discharge was found to be still leaking a significant amount, causing the tank to drain. The line from the discharge of the pump to tank was removed. The tank was re-repaired and sealed and found to be holding the water in the tank. The tender still has the 2 ½ side discharge functioning in order to off-load water under pressure. There are no further repairs to this truck planned at this time. The next repair will entail removing/replacing the tank and piping assemblies. The truck was scheduled to be replaced last year and has been moved to be replaced in the 2014 budget cycle. The Board of Directors advised staff to move forward with pricing a replacement truck for Tender 32 per the District's replacement schedule.

The District's remote area Engine #32 is currently getting the final repairs made to in order to return it to service. Chief Blair went to Greely, CO on August 8th and brought back a used engine, which will fit in Engine #32. Stewart & Stevenson is currently swapping parts off the old to the new in order to get it ready to install. As of the time of preparing this agenda, they are waiting on a few additional gaskets and should be able to get it together, in and tested late next week. The Board of Directors directed staff to move forward with pricing a replacement truck for E32.

➤ **Update on Wildland Crew activities**

Red Crew will be presenting the "Introduction to Community Evacuation and Re-entry Planning talk, August 22nd", at 6:30 pm at the Battlement Mesa Station #1. Work has been progressing at the Parachute Water Reservoir building and home surveys. The crew has been out on several small fires and most recently were sent to assist with the Red Canyon Fire until federal resources could be sent to the fire.

➤ **Request to show the 1948 Mack Fire Truck at the Western Colorado Classic Auto Event**

Chief Blair has received a request to enter the District's 1948 Mack Fire Truck in the Western Colorado Classic Auto Event, to be held August 31st and September 1st at Canyon View Park in Grand Junction. Chief Blair would be responsible for getting it there and back if approved by the BOD. The Board of Directors approved this request by consensus.

➤ **Other**

Chief Blair received an email from a citizen that is concerned with the natural habitat that is growing north of the station between the Station and the Kum & Go. The Board of Directors do not wish to change this habitat as it is in compliance with BMSA rules and regulations. Keith Lammey suggested that we wrap the trees at the Station to protect them from wildlife.

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.

➤ **OPS Report**

Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed the July 2013 Operations report.

➤ **Community Risk presentation**

Firefighter Chase Spaid presented a Community Risk program outlining some of the specific response types (risk) that the District has identified planned and trained for. The intent of this presentation is to identify what we're currently doing, are there additional risk within the District that we are unaware of, and do we need to put them on our radar, and are there things that we're currently doing that may need addition BOD clarification / justification.

➤ **Collection Agency Updates**

Kim Reeves discussed with the Board of Directions the option to switch from A1 Collection Agency to Central Collection Agency. The Board of Directors would like to have a small amount of current collections turned over to Central Collection Services and see how they perform as long as there will be no contract with them.

➤ **Executive Session: Legal Matters**

President Nelson made a motion that the Board of Directors hold an Executive Session per CRS-24-6-402(4) related to legal matters. Seconded by Edgerton. All Approved. The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.

The Executive Session was closed at 11:31 a.m. and the Regular Board Meeting resumed.

OTHER

Kevin Whelan attended the "Protecting Your Department in a Crisis" training and felt like it would be a good training event for line staff as well.

Kevin Whelan discussed the document that has been published based on cancer in the fire service.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Bill Nelson, Board President

Kevin Whelan, Board Secretary/Treasurer