

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING July 16, 2014

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors
Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1st Term) Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1st Term)
Keith Lammey (5/2016, 1st Term) Michelle Foster (5/2014, 1st Term)

Absent: Kevin Whelan (5/2016, 1st Term)
Lammey moved to excuse Whelan. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief
Kim Reeves, Administrative Specialist Eric Langner, Captain

Public:

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the June 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Lammey moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

➤ Old Business

- **2013 District Audit Review / Discussion / Approval**

Chief Blair asked that the Board of Directors review, discuss and approve the 2013 District Audit and direct the District's Auditor to file the same with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Nelson moved to approve the 2013 District Audit as corrected. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

- **All Hazard Planning**

Chief Blair advised the Board of Directors on the status of the Parachute/Battlement Mesa All Hazards plan. With the completion of the 20th Anniversary of the South Canyon Commemorative Ceremony, Chief Blair has re-engaged with this project.

- **Training Opportunities for BOD Members**

Chief Blair reminded the Board of Directors that the Legal Backdraft: Risk Management, Legal Process, Remises Liability and Real Property training session will be held July 23rd. We will need to get those interested in going to the training registered ASAP.

- **Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Grant**

Chief Blair updated the Board of Directors on the progress of the grant application. Chief Blair will be meeting with the DOLA Regional Manager on Friday, July 11th for a follow up meeting on the grant application. Chief Blair supplied a copy of the Draft application at the meeting. Lammey moved to authorize the submission of The Energy and Mineral

Impact Grant for \$150,000.00 subject to minor corrections made on or before 07/31/2014. Seconded by Nelson. All approved

- **Full Time Employee Sick Bank**

Deputy Chief Ferguson is continuing to work on the Sick Bank project. He has been visiting with other agencies and continues to develop a draft program that may work for GVFPD.

- **FPPA Employee/Employer Contribution Vote**

FPPA has announced that the members of the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan voted in favor of increasing the member contribution rate to the SWDB Plan by ½% per year phased in over 8 years, for a total of a 4% increase. This proposal will now be voted on by employers who have active members in the plan. The Board of Directors discussed whether they are/are not in support of the proposal, and discussed a Director to cast the vote on behalf of the Board of Directors, due to Whelan's absence (vacation). Anderson moved that the Board of Directors vote in favor of the increase and that Foster should sign the vote in the absence of Whelan. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

- **District Newsletter**

Reeves and Chief Blair are working together to revive the District Newsletter. All staff is working on submissions in order to get the next edition put together.

- **Alternative Energy at Station #1, Battlement Mesa Fire Station**

Chief Blair met with Matthew Shmigelsky, Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) on June 26th. Matt feels that our location might be a very good location to place ground mounted solar panels. He was given energy bills for the past 1 ½ years and will be reviewing them and speaking with companies that may be willing to partner with the District in this project. If he is successful in making those contacts and interest, Chief Blair will invite him to meet the Board of Directors and go through the process of how energy agreements work and how they can benefit the District.

- **New Business**

- **Station #2, Parachute Lease Agreement**

The District's attorney has crafted the final version of the Ground Lease Agreement for the Station #2 Fire Station in Parachute. The Town of Parachute has met, reviewed and approved the document at their June Town Council Meeting. Chief Blair asked the Board of Directors to review, approve and authorize Chief Blair to sign the Ground Lease Agreement on the District's behalf. Chief Blair recommended that the "Commencement/Lease Term" be dated as of January 01, 2014, in order to align the lease periods with the District's budget year cycles. The "entered into an effective date" will be the actual date of final signatory to the agreement. Lammey moved that Chief Blair be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement and that the effective date be January 1, 2014. Seconded by Anderson. All approved.

- **Garfield County School District 16 Bond and Mill Levy Election**

Chief Blair advised the Board of Directors of the School District's intentions of placing a Bond and Mill Levy question on the 2014 November Garfield County Ballot. Chief Blair will also disclose that he has been asked to serve as the President of the Citizen's Committee in support of these two initiatives and will serve such as a private citizen of the School District and NOT on behalf of the Grand Valley Fire Protection District.

➤ **Other**

- South Canyon event went well.
- Chief Blair discussed the current Fire/EMS reporting system and the options of an upgraded reporting system. Nelson moved to approve the new system proposal from Emergency Reporting with a cost of \$4575.00 for setup and \$3576.00 annual cost using undesignated funds for 2014. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.
- Chief Blair updated the Board of Directors on the pump house mitigation project. The District is now moving into the Mesa Ridge mitigation project.
- Chief Blair discussed the letter from the attorney regarding legislation passed during the 2013/2014 legislative session that will affect the Fire Districts.
- Chief Blair discussed the Districts participation in Grand Valley Days and National Night Out.

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 June 2014 Operations report.

Other

The Senior Center has contacted the District regarding the possibility of using the training room for their scheduled Wednesday lunches should the need arise. The Board of Directors feels that the training room should not be committed long term.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Kevin Whelan, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer