

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING June 17, 2015

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

Absent: None

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief
Kim Reeves, Administrative Specialist Chase Spaid, Lieutenant

Public: None

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Lammey moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for May 2015 were reviewed and discussed Nelson moved to approve the financial reports, subject to audit. Seconded by Foster. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lammey: Per regulations the wire that is around the trees and other plants for protection from wildlife needs to be removed for the summer season.

Michelle Foster left the meeting at 9:44am

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- **Old Business**
 - **Strategic Planning**

Hillary Fletcher presented her process for effective strategic planning and how it could be used to assist the District in its planning process.
 - **Budgeted Purchases**

The high side drop tank, the ALS manikin and the inflatable training house have all been ordered. The maintenance contract was also signed and submitted to Physio Control for cardiac care monitors.
 - **Landscaping**

Chief Blair received a phone call from Deep Creek Landscaping stating that it was their intention on being at Station #1 on June 15th to start work, weather permitting.
 - **Remote Area Water Storage Tanks**

The 2 tanks that were donated by Solvay have been moved to the Parachute Training Center. They were set in the up-right position. Man ways have been opened and tanks are being prepped for use. Required missing flanges have been ordered. Chief Blair will be looking for optimal site locations for the tanks and contacting companies for required permissions for placement.

- **New Business**

- **Summer Wildland Crew**

- Summer wildland crews have started the season. Some personnel have attended required pre-season training, while others have been doing readiness reviews. Crews have started some work around Stone Ridge and will be moving up to Mesa Ridge to complete last year's work. Personnel have assisted with responses to CRFRD twice with requested tender support.

- **VFA Grant, 2014-15**

- Chief Blair has completed the required paperwork for the 2014-15 VFA Grant. The District should receive a reimbursement of \$4,125 for hose and portable pumps purchased.

- **Apparatus Status**

- Ladder 31 – repairs were made using a newly designed cross member system, involving both horizontal and vertical stabilization plates. It was determined by the mechanic that additional design modifications are needed, i.e. the vertical stabilizer is making intermittent contact with the rear differential. The truck is safe to use as is, staff just need to be careful and keep speed to a minimum when crossing intersection pans or making right turns. Pierce and Front Range are working on making the long term corrective repair.

- Ladder 32 – Final repairs have been made to waterway on the ladder. The apparatus was returned on Monday, June 15th. Crews will be conducting in service test over the next week in order to ensure proper use and function of apparatus.

- Engine 32 – Final repairs to the engines pump panel acceleration/deceleration cable were made and the engine was returned to the District the first part of June. The engine's pump was then tested in preparation of the re-test in Rifle. One valve was found to be leaking and was rebuilt. The mechanical seal was found to be leaking by as well, but could not be repaired without removing the pump. The engine was tested on June 13th and passed its pressure service test, however with the mechanical seal leak, it did not pass it's vacuum test.

- **Letter / Photo of Appreciation, Hugo Fire Department**

- The Hugo VFD sent a letter of appreciation and a staff photo of the American LaFrance in service. This is the apparatus that was donated to Hugo after the Peterbuilt/Pierce engine arrived here.

- **Greater Sage Grouse Status**

- Chief Blair updated the BOD on the information that he learned after a meeting with Sr. Wildlife Biologist, Brad Petch. It was very informative and Chief Blair gained a better understanding of some of the impacts that the District may be faced with.

- **Other**

- **Thanks**

- The District Library District expressed their thanks for participation in the "How To" event.

- **Geocaching**

- The District participated in a Geocaching event for the teen program.

- **Staff Report**

- **District participation in recent events**

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

- **OPS Report**

- Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed the May 2015 Operations report.

- **Audit Update**

- Draft Audit was presented and discussed.

- **Bank Transfers**

Kim Reeves discussed the information that has been obtained from the local Wells Fargo Branch regarding the ability to transfer funds. The funds transfers can be conducted in the local Wells Fargo branch by Board Members. Foster spoke to Alpine Bank and was assured that the District would be able to conduct banking business in the desired manner. Foster would be in favor of moving the District accounts to Alpine Bank if the Board of Directors decides to switch banks. At this time the Board of Directors feel that any banking activity can be conducted with Wells Fargo and that the District should not change banks.

- **Other**

Anderson updated the Board of Directors on the status of URSA operations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Whelan made a motion that the Board of Directors hold an Executive Session per CRS-246-402(4) related to the discussion of the purchase, acquisition, lease transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest. Session attendance Whelan, Lammey, Anderson, Nelson, Foster, Blair and Ferguson. To include an Executive Session per CRS-246-402(4) related to personnel matters. All Approved. Session attendance Whelan, Lammey, Anderson, and Nelson. Executive session began at 10:54 a.m.

The Executive Session was concluded at 11:37 a.m. and the Regular Board Meeting resumed.

Chief Blair's review will be discussed in an Executive Session during the August Board Meeting.

Nelson made a motion to form a committee to obtain staff input and review the current pay scale system. The committee should include Chief Ferguson, Keith Lammey and Bill Nelson. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

Kevin Whelan, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer