

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING June 18, 2014

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

Absent: None

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

Public: Lynn Shore

President Whelan called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **2013 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Marlo Coates with Colorado CPA presented and reviewed the 2013 Draft Audit. The Board of Directors will approve the Audit at the July 16, 2014 Board Meeting after they have had adequate time to review it.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 21, 2014 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 May 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**

- **May Pension Board**  
The May Pension Board was inadvertently not held during the month of May. Staff has put in place reminders that will ensure that it is not missed in the future and Trustees are made aware of scheduled quarterly meetings.
- **May Meet and Confer**  
There was no request made for a May Meet and Confer meeting.
- **All Hazard Planning Update**  
Chief Blair has meet with Chris Bornholdt and advised him that there is a general feeling that we are not completing our mission and we're getting too bogged down in the main body of the plan and not the appendices, which are of interest to the committee of people that were participating in the original meeting. Chief Blair will work on filling in the "boxes" in order to get the project going again and has suggested that Chris re-contact interested persons and advise them that the next meetings will concentrate on the appendices.
- **Training Opportunities for BOD Members**  
Reminder of the "Legal Backdraft: Risk Management, Legal Process, Premises Liability and Real Property, that will be presented by Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe (our attorney's group) on July 23, 2014. If interested, let Kim know and we'll get you registered.

- **Summer Public Presentations**  
Training Chief Rowe will be working with seasonal wildland crews to put together some summer public sessions. Because of the lack of success over the past 2 years, Chief Rowe is thinking that maybe we should target some of the civic and community groups to make presentations.
- **Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant Update**  
Chief Blair has started working on the 2014 Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant which could help fund some of the cost for the Remote Area Engine scheduled to be ordered later this year. The application process is in its early stages now, but a meeting with the Grand Junction DOLA office will be scheduled later this month when Chief Blair returns from vacation.
- **Remote Area Engine Update**  
Chief Blair has been in contact with Wayne Kerber, Pierce Representative, and has been advised that the truck should be out of the Peterbilt factory soon and on to Bendix for brake certification tests. During the final review of the plans, Chief Blair is asking that the Board of Directors consider approving some upgrades to the lighting, pump panel protection, hose loading ease and electric air compressor supply for starting ease. Chief Blair will provide the Board of Directors with a separate spreadsheet of the upgrades request. Nelson motioned to approve the changes not to exceed \$30,000.00. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.
- **ISO Update**  
Chief Blair will be working with staff to prepare an informational article to go out to the paper in mid-late July. This will coincide with the August re-publish of the ISO ratings schedule and hopefully not rile up the insurance companies by getting too many phone calls in advance of the release.
- **Triad, Employee Assistance Program**  
Chief Blair has enlisted the counseling services of Triad EAP for the members of GVFPD to include Line Staff, Admin Staff, Auxiliary Staff and Directors. Services they provide include a myriad of counseling services for events both on and off the job, financial counseling, limited legal assistance and ID recovery assistance. Chief Blair has been rolling out this program to each of the crew and will soon send out an informational flyer to all those that have been missed through the morning crew meeting process. Chief Blair has also been making members aware of the Life Challenge Program, a suicide prevention web-based resource, designed especially for the wildland firefighter community.

## **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.
- **Sick Bank Discussion**  
Deputy Chief Ferguson sent out an email to career staff in regards to establishing a sick bank for catastrophic sickness events earlier this month and will discuss the results of those that responded. The members that responded to the email were in favor of this being an option. The Board of Directors requested that the admin staff move forward with options and policies.
- **OPS Report**  
Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed April 2014 Operations report.
- **Aircraft availability**  
The state has advised that the second Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) has been brought on contract for the summer. The planes are currently stationed at Jeffco and Durango airports, but subject to be relocated as needs change. The local BLM helicopter came on contract on June 02, 2014 and has been sent to the Cow Hollow fire in Utah for initial attack support. There is currently a “stick” of smokejumpers (12) sitting in Grand Junction. A sample of the Daily Resource Status Summary will be provided at the meeting that shows the resources available to us (the UCR) each day

## **Other**

- **FPPA Employee/Employer Contribution Vote –**  
Board of Directors President Whelan is asking that the Directors review the materials available for the upcoming FPPA Statewide Defined Benefit Plan vote in order to discuss whether the Directors are in support or not of either of the proposed plans. A web presentation of the plan

options that was presented at Regional meetings can be found at:  
<http://fppaelectioncentral.org/PDFs/Regional.Meeting.for%20website.pdf>

President Whelan requested that items that are discussed or requested be followed through with and be included as old business in future agendas. The Board of Directors had asked the admin staff to see if the District would benefit from solar panels and this was never followed through. He also feels like the newsletter has dropped off and would like to see it continued.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

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Kevin Whelan, Board President

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Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer