

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 18, 2015

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

Absent: None

Staff: Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief Kim Reeves, Administrative Specialist  
Caleb Voorhees, Lieutenant

Public: None

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

### MINUTES

Minutes from the February 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Lammey moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for February 2015 were reviewed and discussed. Anderson moved to approve the financial reports, subject to audit. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- **Old Business**
  - **Volunteer Pension Fund COLA Increase Error**

Kim Reeves has been working with FPPA to correct the COLA increase error that was discovered while preparing last month's actuarial paperwork. FPPA has contacted Chief Blair that the correction has been approved and will be caught up with the March Pensioner Deposits. Chief Blair has sent all pensioners a letter of explanation outlining the discovery and corrective actions taken by the District. Chief Blair has also included a copy of the District Benefits spreadsheet for the pensioners as well.
  - **February 2014 Meet and Confer**

There was no Meet and Confer meeting requested by the membership for February 2015.
  
- **New Business**
  - **Public Fund Investing Webinar**

The Public Fund Investing Webinar was presented March 11, 2015. Chief Blair and Bill Nelson met at Station #1 to view the presentation. Kevin Whelan viewed the presentation from home. There were several things that were discussed that did not necessarily pertain to a District of our size, but there were other things that were very informative such as: Formal Investment Strategy, consider moving Future Operational Reserves to a "laddered investment structure" and preparing for the changes that may or may not affect the District's Money Market accounts. Bill Nelson discussed the information from the webinar.

- **CRFR Budget Shortfalls**  
 Chief Blair has been asked by President Whelan to set up a meeting with Chief Morgan and CRFR BOD President Rex Rule in order to discuss the current status of both Districts and the effects of some of the economic changes that are occurring in the area, i.e. natural gas drilling.
- **Carbondale Fire Financial Situation**  
 Chief Blair has attached a couple of articles about the economic effects to the Carbondale Fire Protection District for information only. We may be able to benefit from the Service Plan Survey they are conducting, as well as some of the other things they are trying to bring about changes in their area.
- **EMT Intermediate to Paramedic Bridge Course**  
 Chief Ferguson presented the training request for three Firefighter/EMT Intermediates to enroll in the upcoming Paramedic Bridge course. The State of Colorado will be sun-setting the EMT Intermediate certification level in the next couple of years and therefore these three medics will revert back to basic level responders. Chief Blair is recommending their approval by the Board of Directors in order to maintain the Districts current level of Advanced Life Support capabilities to the District. The District has one other medic that is taking prerequisite courses for the Paramedic program. All other personnel have been advised that there will be no further request to start the Paramedic process until the Board of Directors meets later this year to discuss the future needs of the District. Nelson moved to approve the training request. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.
- **Snowmobile Purchase Request**  
 Chief Blair has received the quote for the replacement of 3 – 1993 Polaris SWT snowmobiles for 2 – 2016 Skandic SWT snowmobiles. The Capital Projects fund has budgeted \$27,000 for the estimated replacement cost. The quote from Rifle Performance Motorsports is for \$22,762.94, which includes Government pricing, shipping and handling charges. Chief Blair is recommending that we purchase through RPM because they are local and the price would be the same anywhere else because of the Government pricing program. Chief Ferguson presented and discussed the received quote. Lammey moved to approve the purchase of 2 2016 Skandic SWT snowmobiles not to exceed \$23,000.00. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.
- **Landscaping at Station #1**  
 Chief Blair is seeking direction from the Board of Directors as to whether or not to proceed with release of the landscape proposal/bid submitted by Deep Creek Inc. Chief Ferguson discussed the bid. Lammey moved to accept the bid presented by Deep Creek, Inc. Seconded by Nelson. All approved.
- **Cost Share Agreement**  
 Colorado River Fire Rescue is finalizing its agreement with the Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control for the Seasonal Wildland Fire Engine for this coming wildland fire season. The agreement will remain the same as last year. It is anticipated that GVFPD contribution will be approximately \$4,500. Chief Blair was hoping to have the agreement in time for the Board of Director meeting. Lammey moved to Authorize the Board President to sign the final agreement upon review with Chief Blair. Seconded by Foster. All approved.
- **Town of Parachute / Battlement Mesa Area Comprehensive Plan**  
 Chief Blair and Keith Lammey attended the Comprehensive Plan advisor meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was spent clarifying some of the results from the previous larger Community clicker meeting. The presentation will be included as an attachment to the BOD packet. President Whelan thought that there were several good points brought up in the presentation and they may be applicable to our District and worth reviewing/discussing.

- **Other**

The ICS Class for Elected Officials will be held in Glenwood Springs on 04/20/2015.

The "Where We Are and Where We Are Going" presentation has been posted to the Grand Valley Fire Protection District's website for public viewing.

The letter sent to the District from member Dean Perkins was presented and read to the Board of Directors.

Chief Ferguson will be attending the Community Paramedic Meeting.

- **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 February 2015 Operations report.

- **District Business Inspection Program**

Deputy Chief Ferguson clarified how the District does Business Inspections, the process and customer interaction, documentation and the limitations of the Emergency Reporting Systems structure of the printed report.

- **Audit Update**

Kim Reeves advised the Board of Directors on the current status of the 2014 Audit

- **Other**

- Anderson: Meters were moved from above the cemetery to Stone Quarry for URSA usage.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 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