

GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – March 21, 2012

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors  
Keith Lammey (5/2012, 1<sup>st</sup> term)      Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1<sup>st</sup> term)      Lynn Shore (5/2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Absent: Kevin Whelan (5/2012, appointed)

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief, Rob Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief,  
Kim Reeves, Admin. Specialist, Cody Blair, Fire Fighter

Public: Michelle Foster, John Martin

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

Lammey moved to excuse Whelan. Seconded by Anderson. All approved.

### MINUTES

Minutes from the February 15, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for February 2012 were reviewed and discussed. Nelson moved to approve the financial reports with corrections. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

John Martin would like the District to know that he feels that “The Fire Department has come a long way.”

### FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

- **Oil & Gas: Colorado River Valley Draft Resource Management Plan**  
During the last week of February, Chief Blair wrote a comment letter to the BLM in reference to the request for comments concerning the Colorado River Valley Draft RMP. After a few corrections and additions to the base letter, Lynn Shore signed it on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Members of the Board were given a copy of the letter.
- **Residential Sprinklers discussion and BOD position**  
Chief Blair discussed the County Commissioner’s Workshop Meeting that he attended. One of the items on the workshop’s agenda was the discussion of the planned adoption of the IRC scheduled to go into effect January 01, 2013. This adoption would include the inclusion of code required residential sprinklers. Chief Blair had sent out emails requesting informal Board of Directors opinions that he could share with the County Fire Chief’s at his meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. As a result of the informal polling of directors, Chief Blair advised the other Fire Chief’s that he would not be able to sign the proposed letter of opposition to the request to repeal the requirement of fire sprinklers in single and two family residences. Chief Blair further abstained from any conversations at the County Commissioner Workshop and advised the County Commissioner’s Chairman, John Martin that this would be a topic at the next (March 21<sup>st</sup>) Board of Director’s meeting. Chief Blair advised Commissioner Martin that he would carry forward the Board’s position after this coming meeting. Lynn Shore feels as there are 3 options at this point, either for the requirement, against the requirement, or no opinion. After much discussion of this it was voted upon and unanimously decided the Board is against Fire Sprinkler System being mandatory in Residential applications. The Board feels that the public should be better educated about the systems and be allowed to make their own decision. Nelson moved to approve, the Board of Director President Lynn Shore and Chief Blair, to draft a letter of opposition. Seconded by Lammey. All approved.

➤ **AOP Highlights for 2012**

Chief Blair discussed the 2012 AOP meeting. There are no new changes to the AOP. Chief Blair has asked that we meet with Sheriff Lou Vallario to prepare a formal MOU, Letter of Agreement or similar document to memorialize the current “informal” cost share agreement between the Sheriff’s Office and the Fire District’s. We have been very lucky in the past that we have not had to cost share very many incidents within the GVFPD; however this year’s fire conditions may warrant having something in place.

➤ **GARCO Hazard Mitigation Planning update**

Chief Blair discussed the GARCO Hazard Mitigation Planning session that was part of the County Commissioner’s Workshop Session on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The plan was presented by ECON Northwest/LeDuc & Associates in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The next step in the process will be the County Commissioner’s adoption and FEMA review. By partnering in this plan’s development, the GVFPD will become eligible for future FEMA project request, \$’s. Chief Blair will have the initial Draft of the plan at the meeting for those that would like to review it.

➤ **CWPP update**

This project has been slowed by the request to re-negotiate the contractor’s delivery date and the addition of additional proposed projects from the Colorado State Parks and Wildlife and the Source Water Protection group. The second draft is supposed to be released soon, but no anticipated date has been announced.

➤ **Acoustical Engineering plan for Training Room update**

Chief Blair has contacted D. L. Adams Associates, Inc., Consultants in Acoustics, Performing Arts and Technologies located in Denver to assist with developing a plan to correct the acoustical problems in the training room(s). This company was recommended by the Johnson & Carter Architects, which was the company that originally designed the fire station. It is hoped that they will have the preliminary recommendations for us soon. Once that has been submitted, Chief Blair will send out for bids to complete the work.

➤ **Other**

## **STAFF REPORT**

• **Election Update**

There were not enough Self Nominations received and the Election will be cancelled. All the notices of the cancellation have been posted. We will post a Vacancy Letter and make a decision on the Appointment of a BOD Member during the May Board Meeting.

• **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.

• **October OPS Report**

Deputy Chief Ferguson discussed the February 2012 Operations report.

## **OTHER**

Lammey informed the board that it appears that Antero and EnCana may be assisting in the building and/or improvement of the Heliport Pad by the Battlement Mesa Clinic.

BMSA is promoting the Insider Guide and they need to sell 22 full page ads. The Board looked at the Guide and some pricing. Lammey moved to approve that the Board approve spending up to \$650.00 for a full page ad. Seconded by Nelson. All Approved.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 10:38am

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Kim Reeves, Administrative Assistant

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Lynn J Shore, Board President

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Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer