



Gateway-UnawEEP Fire District

Board Meeting **AGENDA** October 17th, 2023

Meeting to be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM (extra time may be needed) in the Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Department

1) Call Meeting to Order

Time: **6:10**

Members and GUFD personnel present:

- Dean Rickman, Chairman
- Lisa Casto, Board Member
- Mike Hoerter, Board Member
- Patrick Pipes, Board Member
- Galen Daugherty, GUFD Chief
- Emily Pipes, Operations Manager

Personnel/Other: **Mycha Nelson** _____

Public present: **Ray Gooch**

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Request for MOTION TO APPROVE September 19th, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Lisa to approve

Mike seconds

Further discussion or changes **[NO]**

4 in favor / **0** opposed

Motion passed [Y / N]

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4) Treasurer's Report

— see attached —

5) Request for MOTION TO APPROVE Treasurer's Report

Lisa to approve

Mike seconds

Further discussion or changes [NO]

4 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed [YES]

6) Chief's Report

Calls- We have had 12 calls since the last Board Meeting:

- 6 Medical in Nature
- 4 for smoke
- 2 for active fires

Personnel-

- I've had no communication from Santana, her logins and door code have been deactivated. We will miss her and wish her the best.
- Mycha, Kade and Clay are in the process of finishing their EMT's, all clinicals are complete, they are waiting to hear back from their instructor on when they are scheduled to take their exam.
- We have a new Volunteer, Amelia Pickard, who is coming to us with a good amount of wildland certifications and her EMT.

Apparatus-

- William is currently searching for a new Murphy Switch for B-121.

Miscellaneous-

- I need numbers for the CPR class. We have to get the books ordered for all first-time certifications. As of now, the school has 11 people interested in the class.

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Lisa stated that she has 11 people from the GYO also interested in taking the class. 4 renewals and 7 first-time certifications. A weekend in November was discussed as an option. Galen will check into pricing. Dean stated he would like to be the person to email Al Sisson about offering resort employees the opportunity to join the class.

- Volunteer stipend- We have been at \$50 per 24 hour shift for volunteers for years. I would like to double that, we rarely have volunteers and it would be nice to reward people putting in their time.

Dean asked how it works for William Gerber? Galen stated Will just does it purely as a volunteer, for free. Pat asked how often Ameilia plans to volunteer and what are the insurance requirements? Galen stated the department has volunteers sporadically, and they operate under GUFD's current insurance policy which has an understanding that there will be some volunteering from time to time. He also states that there are many state regulations on volunteering at fire departments, i.e. volunteers cannot earn more than 20% of the lowest paid employees (hourly or annual) earnings, no more than 10 24hr. shifts per month. GUFD keeps records of hire dates and applications. Galen stated GUFD does not 10-99 volunteers. Mike asked what determines compensation? A completed 24-hr shift? (YES) Mike asked if a max of \$5,200.00 was a large enough annual allowance for all volunteer work? (YES) Lisa moved the Board to allow the pay increase per 24hr. volunteer shift be increased from \$50 to \$100 with an annual cap of \$5,200.00. Motion passed 4-0.

7) Monthly Administrative Deadlines

-Coming Soon-

8)Open Business, Project Updates, Committees' Reports

- Brush 121, Brush 122, and incoming Ambulance challenges
Ray Gooch handed out his report for Brush-121 and has briefed William Gerber on the work he has performed on Brush 121.
William Gerber plans to create a wiring schematic for Brush 121 with the hope of locating the issue.
Discussed selling or repairing and storing Brush 121

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Dean will call Mesa County's lawyer, Todd Star, about reselling assets that may have been/ were purchased with tax monies.

- Budget 2024
 - Dec. 10th and Dec. 15th Deadlines
Set Board Meeting for December 11th.
 - Content Requirements
Emily handed out a checklist for the 2024 Budget.
- Exemption from Audit
Emily reported that Applications for Exemption from Audit should be completed by October 20th. Pat Miller had a few more questions that needed answered and then he could wrap them up.
- Raffle Programs
 - Update concerning email to Mr. McAnany
Dean and Emily questioned Mr. McAnany about the legalities of the GUF District (special district) Board of Directors governing the GUF Department (non-profit corp.), and the possibility of combining Board meetings for both entities. No response as of yet.
 - Online Program Presentation
Dean reported after reviewing several online raffle services, he recommends sticking with Rally-Up. They offer paper ticket options, and several other fundraising programs: 50/50 split the pot, sweepstakes, crowdfunding, event funding, auctions, etc.
- Capitalization Policy
Emily reported this document is important to have in place for the Depreciation Schedule that needs to be updated annually for use with the Application for Exemption from Audit.
 - Example
Emily will have a few ready at the next Board meeting
- Chief's Contract
Galen will have revisions ready for the next Board Meeting.
- October Event Report
Emily reported the October Event had a positive response from the kids. Will send Clay pictures to upload to the website.
- PIF

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PIF requests need to be sent to the DOLORES CANYON METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 district before October 15th annually for their district's budget to reflect where the monies will be going.

9) Request for MOTION TO APPROVE: Open Business, Project Updates

Lisa to approve

Pat seconds

Further discussion or changes [NO]

4 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed [YES]

10) New business: News, Announcements, Missed information, Chairman's Topics,

Mike mentioned hosting a Jeep Toy Drive Pancake Breakfast and advertising to surrounding Jeep clubs for a fundraising option.

Dean speaks Pig Latin fluently.

11) Audience questions, proposals, etc.

- Ray Gooch

Ray sat in on Land's End Fire Department's Board Meeting, Lands End is assisting BLM in our district, but the BLM reached out to GUFD first seeking a water-tender that we could not provide. Land's End does not have enough staff to be able to provide mutual aid.

Ray believes there is enough space to add a spare on top of Lady Linda.

12) Request for Motion to Adjourn:

Lisa to approve

Pat seconds

Further discussion or changes [NO]

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4 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed [YES]

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