



Gateway-UnawEEP Fire District

Board Meeting AGENDA for August 15th, 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: 6:05

Members and GUFD personnel present:

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

Personnel/Other: Clay Rowland _____

Public present: Ray Gooch, William Gerber, DeAnn Prosser, Liz Petrus, Mike Hoerter

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Request for MOTION TO APPROVE July 18th, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Lisa Casto to approve

Patrick Pipes seconds

Further discussion or changes [No]

___3___ in favor / ___0___ opposed

Motion passed [Yes]

4) Treasurer's Report

-see attached-

Lisa Casto to approve

Patrick Pipes seconds

Further discussion or changes [No]

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3 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed **Yes**

5) Chief's Report: August 15th, 2023

Calls- GUFD has had 8 call since the last board meeting

- 5 Medical in Nature
- 2 Smoke Checks
- 1 Wildfire, BLM/USFS did not want suppression efforts on.

Apparatus-

- Brush 121 has no resolution.
 - Possible wiring issue.
 - Mike Hoerter stated he has contacts for wiring new harnesses
 - Clay feels it has a lot of life left if maintained and stay ahead of costly repairs.
 - Galen stated the skid (everything on the back including pump, piping, electrical, etc.) is custom and from companies no longer in business, will likely need to be completely replaced.
- Ambulance 121 has an electrical issue that is not detrimental to operations, however the house suction and dome lights do not work. We still have fluorescent lights and a brand new portable suction should it become necessary.
Need "house" fixed but still able to run calls with portable unit
- Clay will be taking Engine 121 in to Transwest in the morning for a recall on the fuel rail assembly
- All other apparatus are ready to go.

Personnel-

- Clay has been working on a new website format with Dean's blessing. His guesstimation is he will be able to take his NREMT by the end of September.
- Mycha and Kade are both still in their EMT class. Their last class is this Saturday.
- Santana has taken a second job at Community, during her training phase she will be on the calendar sporadically.
- Clymer has been sick the last week and was out Friday-Sunday

Miscellaneous:

- The community BBQ brought in \$364.00. After supplies the net total was \$66.

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Current Issues

- We've run into a scheduling issue for next week. Clymer will be out of town from 8/25/2023 to 9/02/2023. I will also not be in the district from 8/23/2023 to 8/28/2023. I have reached out to Mesa County EMS in hopes of finding coverage, but only 1 person has stepped up for 1 day (27th of August). I have also emailed the Mesa County Fire Chiefs Association to no avail (yet).

District will be on Auto-Aide

Galen is possibly available after 8:00 until 2:00 during those days.

6) Open Business, Project Updates

1. LEGAL

a. Fill open Board positions

i. Board voted on 3 new applicants

ii. Results:

William Gerber- 0 in favor / 3 opposed

Mike Hoerter - 3 in favor / 0 opposed

DeAnn Prosser- 0 in favor/ 3 opposed

iii. Mike Hoerter sworn in as new Board Member

iv. DEAN RICKMAN ANNOUNCED UPCOMING RESIGNATION
DECEMBER 2023

v. BOARD CHAIRMAN WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED

b. GUF D Audit Exemption application

c. GUF D Password/Log In tracking [Dean]

d. Email/Subject Line updates to board and team [Dean]

i. UTILIZE SUBJECT LINES FOR QUICK UPDATES

e. Study SDA guidelines and decide on membership

f. Chain of command concerns- CLOSED

g. Raffle License application update [Patrick]

i. BYLAWS TITLE NEEDS TO MATCH NAME OF 503c3 APPLICANT
TITLE FOR LICENSE

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- ii. BYLAWS NEED ADOPTED BY BOTH ENTITIES**
 - h. Straighten out GUF 501c3 naming/title schizophrenia
 - i. UPDATE AND ADOPT BYLAWS**
 - i. Compliance with governing entities i.e. Mesa County EMS, Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control, Colorado Department of Public Health and Education, DOLA etc.
 - j. Alpine Bank online access for operations manager
- 2. FUNDING:
 - a. BUDGET: 2024 Budget talks
 - i. DISCUSSIONS BEGIN IN DECEMBER**
 - b. BUDGET: Creation of a forecasting spreadsheet for the board for budgeting purposes
 - c. BUDGET: New Ambulance 10% balance challenge
 - d. BUDGET: Track the loan from Alpine on the new truck
 - i. \$11,000.00+ PAYMENT DUE ANNUALLY AUGUST 19TH UNTIL 2026**
 - e. BUDGET: Galen's Contract
 - i. DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER'S BOARD MEETING**
 - f. BUDGET: PIF Funds update [Dean]
 - i. AL SISSON CONFIRMED \$100,000.00 (FULL AMOUNT) AVAILABLE FOR 2024**
 - g. HIH: Meet with Chris Roland regarding emergency employment pool issues
 - h. HIH: ISO Project: Lower ISO rating to save Gateway Canyons insurance money. Must have 4000 gallon capacity on all responses- **CLOSED**
 - i. HIH: CPR Training for Gateway Canyon's needs/personnel
 - j. Establish Grant Coordinator-Work with Mesa County resources [Galen]
 - k. RATS Program engine lease and incentives for personnel
 - i. INVITE USFS TO BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS DEPLOYMENT OF OUR APPARATUS AND ESTABLISH BETTER**

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RELATIONS BETWEEN GUF D AND US FORESTRY REPRESENTATIVES

ii. LISA CASTO WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THEM MONDAY AUGUST 21ST AT THE BULL DRAW FIRE TOUR HOSTED BY WEIMER FAMILY; SHE WILL GATHER INFORMATION THERE.

I. Explore Possible Fundraisers including disk golf, running events, shooting events, ball drop

i. July Fireworks Committee update [Lisa]-

ii. Raffle [Patrick]-

1. Patrick Pipes is pursuing licensing

2. Suggested using another non-profit who currently holds a raffle license to hold raffles for GUF D

iii. SILENT AUCTION SUGGESTED BY GALEN

iv. CONSTITUTION ALIVE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY WITH RAY GOOCH

1. 4- ½ DAY CLASSES SATURDAYS FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 6:00 PM

2. RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 14 AND ABOVE

3. \$30 PER STUDENT, 50 STUDENTS

v. Dynamite Shoot [Emily]

1. PER BLM USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS ON PUBLIC LANDS HAS BEEN BANNED POSSIBILITY THE PUBLIC WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANOTHER "SHOOT"

2. BLM SPECIAL PERMITS ADMINISTRATOR WILL SPEAK WITH SPECIALIST CONCERNING PERMITTING ANOTHER "SHOOT"

3. MIKE HOERTER SUGGESTED GOING TO THE NRA AND OTHER LARGE ORGANIZATIONS TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR LOCAL EVENT

4. MIKE ALSO SUGGESTED ONLINE ADVERTISING TO GAUGE PUBLIC INTEREST

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5. MIKE ATTENDED LASAL SHOOTING EVENT SUGGESTED WE CONTACT HOSTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR EVENT

- m. Go through the Conex D-Shoot stuff and sell off overstock, dump the rest.
 - i. ON HOLD UNTIL UPDATE FROM BLM, POSSIBLE NRA INVOLVEMENT, AND LASAL SHOOT HOSTS

3. CREW:

- a. Financial incentives for educational goals
- b. Retention concerns including housing, pay, residence program, CMU intern program, workforce center, marketing needs,
- c. Accounting for vacation time
- d. Design the performance appraisal blank form allowing the Chief & Board Chair to review Operations Coordinator- Emily

4. TRAINING:

- a. Active 911 training for the Board
 - i. ACTIVE 911 APP IS AVAILABLE FOR BOARD MEMBERS
 - ii. GALEN WILL TRAIN NEW BOARD MEMBERS ON USE OF APP
- b. Google Workspace training for the Board
 - i. CLAY VOLUNTEERED TO TRAIN BOARD MEMBERS ON GUFD ONLINE TECH/PROGRAMS
- c. Leadership training for Chief

5. STATION / APPARATUSES / EQUIPMENT:

- a. Guide new ambulance through fabrication process
- b. What to do with current ambulance (besides praying it makes it through 2023)
- c. Ambulance fluid change [Galen]
 - i. NO RESPONSE FROM ERIC BROWN-MESA COUNTY FLEET SERVICES
- d. Station door lettering [Galen]
 - i. DECALS ARRIVED WAITING ON CLEAR COAT
- e. Bars on office window- COMPLETE
- f. Parking lot restripe project [Patrick, Dean]

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- i. MESA COUNTY MAINTAINING PROPERTY
 - ii. CODY DAVIS APPROVED RESTRIPING AT MEETING WITH DEAN
 - g. New office PC for Operations Manager [Galen, Patrick]
 - i. GALEN WILL CALL FOR AN UPDATE
 - h. Possible new quarters idea with county property info from meeting with Dana from DOLA [Patrick, Galen]
 - i. BOARD WANTS TO PURSUE
 - ii. GALEN WILL GATHER INFORMATION AND PAPERWORK FROM DOLA CONTACT DANA H.
- 6. COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER / OTHER
 - a. First Alert Project Looking for a GUFDF recommendation for the district- [Galen, Emily]
 - b. FLOW Project needs to be examined- **CLOSED (MORE STAFF NEEDED)**
 - c. Community Outreach Program for team
 - d. The Connection committee update- [Emily, Dean]
 - i. \$400 APPROVED JULY 2023 BOARD MEETING
 - ii. COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE NEW FLYER READY BY SEPTEMBER 1
 - e. Delegation of projects to team members- **CLOSED**
 - f. Establish a Volunteer Firewise Team
 - i. DEAN WOULD BE WILLING TO HEAD UP THE TEAM AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM BOARD
 - g. Establish a Volunteer Water Resource Strategy
 - h. Establish a Volunteer Rt 141 Corridor Emergency Evacuation/Large Animal Evacuation Team
 - i. Establish a Volunteer Welcome Wagon Team
 - j. **Fire Prevention Week Event (first week of October) [Emily]**
 - i. **HOST AN EVENT FOR LOCAL CHILDREN DURING THE DAY WITH A MEET AND GREET, GAMES, AND A CRAFT.**

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Request for MOTION TO APPROVE: Open Business, Project Updates

Lisa Casto to approve

Pat Pipes seconds

Further discussion or changes [No]

4 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed [yes]

7) New business: news, announcements, missed information/ Chairman's topics

Guest- Ray Gooch presentation

(information above in Funding section)

Fire Prevention Week event for community's children 1st week in October during the day

Emily will set up and host next door at the park.

Clay offered to help as long as he is not called-out.

New website presentation- Clay Rowland

New website is up and running thanks to Clay's hard work.

He will be heading-up website maintenance and updates.

8) Audience questions, proposals, etc.

9) Request for Motion to Adjourn:

Lisa Casto motioned to adjourn

Patrick Pipes seconds

Further discussion or changes [No]

4 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed [Yes]

Time: 8:45

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