



Gateway-UnawEEP Fire District

Board Meeting Minutes for July 18th, 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: 6:20

Members and GUF D personnel present:

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

Personnel/Other: Kyle Olsen

Public present: William Gerber, Scott and DeAnn Prosser, Lisa Redd, Mike Hoerter

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3a) Review Previous Meeting Minutes

June's meeting did not happen as a result of absent board members. This month we will be approving the minutes from May's monthly board meeting.

There were no minutes recorded for May's Board Meeting due to a personnel change.

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3b) Request for MOTION TO APPROVE May 30th, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

___ **N/A** ___ to approve
_____ seconds
Further discussion or changes [Y / N]
___ in favor / ___ opposed
Motion passed [Y / N]

4) Executive Session

Lisa Casto motioned that the Board Members move into an Executive Session in regards to a personnel matter.
Patrick Pipes seconded the motion.

___ **3** ___ in favor / ___ **0** ___ opposed
Motion passed **YES**

5a) Treasurer's Report

Statement attached as there is no current treasurer to provide a monthly report.

5b. Request for MOTION TO APPROVE: Treasurer's Report

___ **N/A** ___ to approve
_____ seconds
Further discussion or changes [Y / N]
___ in favor / ___ opposed
Motion passed [Y / N]

6a) Chief's Report- May



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Calls: We've had 6 Calls since our last board meeting

- 5 Medical in Nature
- 1 Standby for River Rescue (bonus training was received and potentially gained a new training contact)

Personnel:

- Santana is on supervised probation, scheduled for IV certification end of month
- Mycha is currently in EMT school
- (Clay has PCR's to finish, EMT test, and registry with the state)

Apparatus:

- New grill has arrived for Squad 122
- New Tender and extension cable has been ordered
- New battery is being picked up this week from town for Squad 121
- Ambulance 121 had been inspected. Our lifepak inspection is scheduled for June 27th. It passed inspection.
- Fourth Quarter progress report for the new ambulance has been completed.
 - Cost estimate overhead is usually 3-4% this year it is sitting at 14%.
 - Ross Carter and Galen have been cutting fab. The ambulance is just above the minimum required by state law.
 - Everything was approved from the change order meeting in March.
 - Tentative delivery date has been set for June, 2024.
 - Cost can be reduced by \$5,000.00 (delivery fee) if the company can use it as a demo. They will deliver it to Gateway themselves. This will not affect the warranty as it begins when it is handed over to us.

Miscellaneous:

I have been in touch with Chief Cavalier, City of Grand Junction and J&M Fireworks in hopes to get a fireworks display together for GYO. I attempted to go straight to Zappelli Firework, the manufacturer, and that is a dead end.

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- All fireworks display shows must be submitted no later than January 31st, the year of the fireworks display.
- The last truck to Colorado from the Distributor leaves 3-4 weeks before the 4th of July.
- For a 5 minute show, the price is roughly \$10,000.
- 1k for insurance gets 10 million of coverage.
 - J&M Fireworks was the distributor Galen spoke with. Their deadline for a show is the Jan. 31st date. Lisa Casto would like this added to the books. Planning needs to begin soon, if we are to meet the January deadline.
 - The insurance was supplied by J&M. He did not know if it was included in the \$10,000.00 estimate. It is optional, we can shop for other insurance.
 - We would still need a certified pyro tech. Galen can email J&M about providing one.
 - Lisa Casto stated the GYO would like the show to be held the weekend before the 4th of July, which falls on June 29th, 2024. The GYO would also like to use this as a fundraising event, running a concession stand.
 - Patrick Pipes commented that the resort should be invited to possibly help plan and possibly provide resources for this event.
 - Galen and Lisa Casto will coordinate and continue discussions for planning this event.

6b) Chief's Report- June

Calls- GUFD has responded to 7 calls since our last board meeting:

- 1 Working structure fire
- 1 Smoke Check
- 4 Medical in nature
- 1 Public assist for Sheriff and SAR

Apparatus-

- Brush 122 is in service and ready to go, it is listed on the Web EOC for deployment.
- Brush 121 is out of service.

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- Galen stated there is an electrical issue with the pump. William Gerber expounded that he has volunteered many hours trying to trace the issue. He cannot volunteer any more hours with this particular issue. Galen and William are wondering if the issue lies within the 'tattle tale box' in which they found excessive electrical tape which fell away upon inspection.
- Engine 121 may have a leak at the 5 inch connection, this is not an emergent issue.
 - It is not urgent as there is a second connection available for use.
 - Outback Fire sent a new coupling, stating that they no longer use our current version. No invoice was included with the shipment.
- Squad 121 battery, tender and wires have been replaced. So far there have been no issues with it.
- Ambulance 121 is running fine, we still need to replace the fluid in the differential. William gave us an estimate, however we needed funds.
 - We need another copy of the estimate.
- Have an estimate coming in from Mesa Co. shops for Ambulance 121 fluid.

Personnel-

- We have brought on a new member, Kade Christian, who is currently enrolled in his EMT class.
- Mycha is finishing up his SOAP reports along with Kade.
- Santana is working on getting off of supervised probation.
- Clay is finishing up his EMT for his NREMT.
- Meeting with Mesa County I.T. Department for a possible new/used laptop for Operations Manager.
- County Commissioner Cody Davis has asked Dana from DOLA to visit GUFD Thursday, July 20th at 11 am. He will be discussing funding and possible grants available.

7) Executive Session- Board Nominees

Lisa Casto motioned the Board move into a second executive session in regards to interviews for open board positions.

Patrick Pipes seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3 to 0.

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William Gerber
DeAnn Prosser
Mike Hoerter

8a) Open Business, Project Updates

- New ambulance balance, due dates, inflation, chassis shortages
 - \$20,000.00 / 10% is still needed to pay toward the ambulance.
- Update: Galen and Dean met with Cody Davis
 - Discussed striping the pavement in front and to the side of building, purchase of an air conditioning unit, updating toughbooks to ipads, and using Mesa County Garage to service apparatuses.
- Update: Galen and Dean met with Tim Mattos
 - Tim Mattos is the General Manager at Gateway Canyons Resort. Dean stated they discussed relationship issues between both bodies of personnel. The meeting went well.
- Expansion of “The Connection” update
 - Lisa Casto motioned to approve \$400.00 in funding toward another mailer for “The Connection”. Patrick Pipes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.
- Raffle Project on long term hold
 - Patrick Pipes requested to review the raffle license response letter.
- PIF 2023
 - Flooding may have caused damage to public sewer system. It has not been inspected yet. There could be a \$50,000.00 difference in available funds. Lisa Casto mentioned checking into natural disaster relief funds to offset possible repair costs.
- Alpine Bank signatory situation
 - Dean Rickman stated he would ask for an extension on the upcoming \$11,000.00 payment due for Brush Truck 122.

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- Discuss BLM Lee's Point Tower
 - Dean Rickman updated everyone that per previous Board Meeting decisions, GUFD is no longer responsible for maintaining the communication tower on Lee's Point.
- Alpine Bank RATS update (no fires, upcoming payment)
 - Dean proposed that GUFD personnel have the opportunity to earn a 10% commission if they bring in paying assignments for the Type 6 Engine. Stipulations may state that the time spent advertising/networking would need to be personal time. Discussion tabled.

8b) Request for MOTION TO APPROVE: Open Business, Project Updates

_____ to approve

_____ seconds

Further discussion or changes [Y / N]

_____ in favor / _____ opposed

Motion passed [Y / N]

9) Misc: news, announcements, missed information/ Chairman's topics, new business--

None.

10) Audience questions, proposals, etc.

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11) Request for Motion to Adjourn:

 Patrick Pipes to approve

 Lisa Casto seconds

Further discussion or changes [NO]

 3 in favor / 0 opposed

Motion passed [YES]

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