

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



"Volunteers Serving Our Neighbors"

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Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2016

Board Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Fred Bolton, Madonna Dormaier, John Fuller, Lisa Eakle, Chief Barnett

Public Present:

Minutes from 12/08/15 Meeting approved as submitted.

No bills and/or appropriations.

No Hearings

Fire Chief's Report

January: 0 incidents.

Station: upstairs needs to be cleaned out – any ideas what to do with items there?; David Dormaier took compressor to pawn shop and someone has placed deposit on it – could bring in \$500

Equipment:

- Kodiak is at Fast & Easy; Ray checked some of items and found they were not repaired; Chief thinks we need to provide more of a specific task list
- Ambulance 122: have had 3 different fire departments call on it; one specifically interested and wants to check to ensure their equipment will fit; Chief will need to contact state if indeed sells
- Will need to submit grant request mid-March and if approved will need to have half of \$76,000 to receive grant
- Received two desktop computers and four monitors from dispatch center

Training:

- HazMat Ops training – Chief and 2 others have taken written and will take practical in April
- Training every Wednesday – have taken state chief's manual and added in-house items; training will be 60-80 hours; when completed individual will transition from probationary to volunteer responder

Meetings:

- Mesa County Chief – house bill shift controlled substances from Dr. Hall to GUFD
- Meet with Dr. Hall – Chief officially on protocol
- Communications – GUFD reimbursement on agenda for March 14 meeting

Would like to look for place for helicopter to land close to Divide Road

Firefighters Association meeting – March 30th 5:00pm meeting; 5:45 dinner, Family night

Fred Bolton, Board Chairman 931-2257 / James "Bear" Barnett, Fire Chief 303-653-2936

Madonna Dormaier 931-2869 / Lisa Eakle 931-2234

Jeannie Lewis 210-5412 / John Fuller 433-1732

Chairman's Report

Fred and Chief met with Rudy Sharp regarding Service Agreement; Rudy asked for digital copy of data discussed at meeting. Purpose of meeting is to gain good idea of Resort expectations. Fred & Chief felt those expectations were in line with community. Fred feels could expect conference call with Chief, David, Rudy and HIH within 30 days.

Treasurer's Report

Department account - \$0.70

District account - \$795.62

Payroll - \$47.86

No change from last month

Unfinished Business

Mill Levy

Fred asked Board for serious consideration of Mill Levy. Funds from Dynamite Shoot went directly to vehicle maintenance. Discussion to find means to show exactly where funds go to offset possible opposition.

Board discussed having a speaker/presenter not directly involved with Board to present information on Mill Levy to community. All agreed a third party person should present and run meeting.

Mill Levy would be specifically for equipment. Typically Levy for rural areas is at 10.4 or 10.6 Fred will research for actual numbers in rural areas.

John said if levy is declined, when the times comes GUF D can't operate Board can at least have anticipated and made an effort to avoid.

Motion by Lisa to begin process of Mill Levy and notify attorney to put on November ballot

Madonna Second

All in favor / no opposed

Motion carried

Will make decision on actual Mill next meeting after numbers have been researched.

Motion by Madonna to designate GUF D attorney Election Officer

John Second

All in favor / no opposed

Motion carried

Dynamite Shoot money is the only money to be used for election. Cannot use taxpayer money for election (i.e. brochures, mailings etc)

Spring Dynamite Shoot

Posters are in

New Business

EMS Billing Rates & Collection

Board decided a few years ago that GUFD would adopt the County rate. Rates released yesterday with no change.

2015 – billed \$44,000; \$13,600 medicare did not pay; collected \$20,000. 63% adjusted collection rates.

Discussion on initiating collections process. Phase I – initial contact for payment. Phase II – proceed to collection

Motion by John to enlist American Accounts & Advisors collections to use Phase I services and to proceed to Phase II requires Board approval.

Lisa Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Tender 121 Status

Fred said this was Chief's call as he is best to attest to functionality and safety.

Old Business

Randy Bremmer letter

Lisa asked if Mr. Bremmer letter was sent to Dr. Hall. Fred said no as it pertains to personnel and actually would go to Mesa County. Further, the responsibility to forward letter would be for Randy Bremmer to send.

Motion by Madonna to Adjourn

John Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Adjourned at 8:06pm