

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



"Volunteers Serving Our Neighbors"

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Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016

Board Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Fred Bolton, John Fuller, Lisa Eakle

Public Present: Ray & Elaine Gooch

Minutes from 9/27/16 Meeting approved as submitted.

No bills and/or appropriations.

Hearings – 2017 Budget

Fire Chief's Report

Call volume year to date – 48

Fire danger – moderate

Station – no significant changes

Equipment – Engine 121 costs have exceeded initial estimates but have been offset with savings elsewhere

Ambulance 121 – received two cardiac monitors on loan to use while main monitors are being serviced

Hardware for VHF radio system now installed; will do some refining and testing, then staff training

Statement of Financial Position – report from new Quickbook setup allows for easy monitoring and up to date finance position

Grants – grant for cell phone boosters was declined

Upcoming grant opportunities –

grant primary purpose to remove old equipment and replace with new, use for new tender

grant for website upgrade – utilize for web designer upgrade/transition to state site

Events/Training – have new EMR individual working to reach protocol

Need to work on application process, improve verbiage and incorporate branding

Air training – helicopter/training last week with staff learning hot load/unload

Community – Chief has attended a couple of meetings; brought to light the need to better communicate information. Create quarterly newsletter, utilizing mailing, emailing and have copies available in post office.

Website – link on site to both the event and training calendars

Chairman's Report

Now have license plates for vehicles; was directed by DMV to work with military base to get title for 6x6

Banking – accounts were originally set up incorrectly under 501c; Fred will correct in next few weeks

Treasurer's Report

Department account - \$7,427.85

District account - \$65,351.61

Personnel/Payroll - \$70,761.10

Reminder District account has funds for sale of equipment to be applied to match grant when it comes in. Bill for commercial policy for \$2,200, but that should be it. We should rollover approximately \$25,000-\$30,000.

Unfinished Business

Treasurer Position: Still open.

General Board Position: Eileen Gooch expressed interest in position; completed self-nomination and acceptance form.

Motion by Lisa to accept Eileen Gooch as Board Member

John Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Building Improvements: Chief contacted Linda with Mesa County to follow up on PIF/PUD funds. She did not have any updates, but will check into status. Fred asked Chief to continue to stay on top of.

New Business

Second Budget Draft for 2017: Reviewed draft of Budget.

November 22nd – need to change meeting from the 22nd to the 21st

Motion by John to change November meeting from the 22nd to the 21st, same time

Eileen Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

December 13th meeting must stay the same as budget must be filed with State by December 15.

Public Input

Dynamite Shoot – Eileen said several folks in community would like information emailed; did receive several emails from Dynamite sign up; will have Linda incorporate into contact list

Fire Mitigation – Fred asked if there are grants/programs for community for fire mitigation; Chief said there are options that he can check into and GUCD can facilitate

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring BBQ – with full calendars it was suggested to combine volunteer appreciation into one event of the Spring BBQ. In 2017 it would be May 6. Chief will incorporate into newsletter and place on website.

Chief will speak with volunteers for their preference for Christmas and will email Board of findings.

Motion by Eileen to Adjourn

John Second

All in favor / no oppose

Motion carried

Adjourned at 8:20pm