



Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Protection District

**BOARD MEETING
GUFPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2018
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Time: 3:04 pm
- b. Board Members Present: Joe Tyson, Chairman
Mike Branham, Treasurer
Dean Rickman, Director
Dennis Brock, Director
- Recording Secretary: Charles Tyson
- GUFPD Personnel: Galen Daugherty, Acting Interim Fire Chief
Chasity Cable, Assistant to the Chief
Brooke Munch
- c. Public / Others Present: None

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED

Discussion of the previous meeting's minutes. The Chairman and a couple of the Directors expressed that, in their review of the minutes, there were some apparent errors/inaccuracies to the minutes and that it might be necessary to go back, review the recordings, and revise the minutes. There was a brief discussion on the proper content and structure of meeting's minutes, in general.

Motion Made: Director Branham made the following motion, "I move to accept the minutes as submitted by David Dormaier, with the exception of going back to correct the one inaccuracy in the vote to place the Chief on paid administrative leave where the vote was incorrectly recorded as 2 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention, when it was actually 3 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention."

Director Rickman seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried with the following vote - Yeas = 4 / Nays = 0 / Abstaining = 0

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I want to encourage all of the District residents that the Board is committed to public safety and quality, effective fire protection and EMS services. To that end, I am happy to report that Fire Department rapport has improved and Galen, Devin, Josh and Brooke have all stepped up and are pitching in in a number of ways. We have been able to maintain 2-Firemen/EMS personnel coverage at all times, with rare exceptions.

Chasity Cable has returned back to work, which we are all very happy about.

Galen reached out to Christian Lutsow and he agreed to come back to work, but an incident in Grand Junction has now precluded him from returning to the Dept.

Ray Gooch really stepped up to direct the Fall Dynamite Shoot. In spite of bad weather, the shoot went off quite well! We had 85 shooters, and grossed around \$4,500. Honorable mention to Eileen Gooch, Charlie Tyson, Kim Reece, and all the firefighters who also dedicated a lot of hard work. We not only salvaged the Shoot, but it turned out to be a real success! We are all very grateful!

We've made real progress on selling the three retired fire trucks. Again, kudos to Ray Gooch for all of his help with the trucks and getting us to the point of sale. We have current offers on two trucks right now.

Galen Daugherty, who was number two on the James Barnett's "Chain-of-Command Organizational Chart", has stepped up to act as "Interim Fire Chief" since our last meeting. He has done a really great job, and has been very cooperative with the Board, and very creative and proactive in helping the Board to provide the broadest fire/EMS coverage to all of the District residents and Gateway Canyons Resort while keeping our costs to a minimum.

In fact, the Board has been so happy with Galen Daugherty's service and demeanor, that we would like to officially appoint him (should the vote pass) as the new Fire Chief, albeit still acting in an interim capacity, as we have not yet authored the terms of the new Chief's contract with regard to all of his duties and responsibilities and an appropriate and mutually beneficial compensation package.

With that in mind, I would like to proceed to ask for a motion to appoint Galen Daugherty as the new Fire Chief for the GUPFD effective immediately.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

After the Chairman recognized the excellent work of Galen Daugherty, a motion and vote was held to appoint Galen Daugherty as the Fire Chief. The vote passed. Galen Daugherty was appointed Fire Chief and, subsequently, sworn in as Fire Chief.

Motion Made: Director Rickman made the following motion, "I move that we appoint Galen Daugherty the Fire Chief."

Director Branham seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion: Director Rickman spoke to recognize all of the great and hard work that Galen Daugherty and Chasity Cable have done.

Vote: The motion carried with the following vote - Yeas = 4 / Nays = 0 / Abstaining = 0

5. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CO-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman expressed that it might be prudent to appoint a Co-Chairman for the District, given his health and the periodic need to have another person Chair Board Meetings in the event the Chairman was traveling, et. all.

Motion: Director Branham made the following motion, "I move that Dean Rickman be appointed Co-Chairman of the GUFPD."

Director Brock seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried with the following vote - Yeas = 3 / Nays = 0 / Abstaining = 1

6. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW DIRECTOR OF THE GATEWAY DYNAMITE SHOOT

The Board highlighted Ray Gooch volunteering to "pick up the baton" and organize and direct the Dynamite Shoot, only 8 days before the event. The Board expressed their appreciation for all of his hard work and the subsequent success of the Dynamite Shoot.

Motion Made: The Director Rickman made the following motion, "I move that we appoint Ray Gooch the Director of the Gateway Dynamite Shoot." After a brief discussion amongst the Board, based on a request made by Ray Gooch, Director Rickman amended the motion to the following motion: "I move that we appoint Ray Gooch the Director of the Gateway Dynamite Shoot, effective now through July 1st, 2019."

Director Brock seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried with the following vote - Yeas = 4 / Nays = 0 / Abstaining = 0

After the vote, the Board discussed who might replace Ray Gooch, after his term as Director. Mr. Bob Petrus and Mr. Charlie Tyson were discussed as possible replacements. No decision was made at the time.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROJECT MANAGER

The Board discussed the need for a person or committee that would be delegated to organize, direct, manage ongoing projects and tasks on a more regular basis. Director Rickman spoke, explaining / quantifying the number of tasks and projects the District has presently and the need to have somebody act as a "watchdog" to track and manage each on constant / day-to-day basis. He suggested that this position act as a "go-between" the Board, the Chief, and the people involved with each task. Director Rickman said a goal would be to have a person / point of contact that would develop an active list of all of the District's plans, to-dos, projects in order to better organize them, complete them, and cull them down to a much smaller, manageable, ongoing number. Director Brock introduced the topic / reminded the Board that the Board is still searching for a 5th Board Member. The Board discussed potential candidates for that 5th Board position. Mrs. Beverly Fuller was discussed as a potential candidate. The Chairman reminded the Board that Mrs. Fuller was previously on the Board; and did a great, professional job. The Board agreed to table the topic until a future meeting in order to search out the best person for such a position and to see if whomever is appointed as the 5th Board Member would be able to fill such a position. Chasity Cable offered up being utilized, more often, as a point of contact to organize ongoing projects. Mrs. Cable said that she would be willing to fill the need described, pending the appointment of a person to a more permanent capacity.

No motions were made during this portion of the meeting.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chairman introduced the Treasurer's Report and a 2019 Budget Status Update. Director Branham, Treasurer of the Board, began his report with a breakdown of the District's Bank Accounts. The Chairman notified the Board of the 4 active bank accounts that the District has. Director Branham specified each of the 4 accounts' balances:

- a. Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Protection District (District Acct.) - \$ 89,905.32
- b. Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Protection District (3% Reserve Fund – Mandated by Statute)
- c. Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Protection District (Payroll Acct.) - \$ 30,478.94
- d. Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Department, Inc. - \$ 9,744.76

The Board discussed the proper structure of each bank account and the stipulations regarding which monies are directed into which account. The Chairman expressed his confidence in the District's standing in each account, with the exception of his concern for money available regarding payroll and ensuring that enough funds were available to meet payroll needs.

While discussing accounts and financial standings, Director Rickman spoke to address 2 issues on his mind. 1) The "FEMA Truck" (the fire truck currently being built for the Department). Director Rickman gave an updated to the Board on his progress. 2) An update on the progress of trying to sell 3 of the Department's trucks; including 2, separate, offers and 1, other, potential buyer.

The Board opened the floor to the newly appointed Chief to give any report that he might have available. The Chief submitted a report (attached).

The Board discussed getting the new Chief his Chief's badge ASAP / prior to the upcoming Mesa County Chief's Meeting.

The Chief expressed how much positive feedback that he has received from the Community, Mesa County, Mesa County EMS, and the Gateway Canyons Resort and how excellent communication (all around) has been.

The Board discussed the helicopter training, that the Chief detailed, and inquired as to whether or not the training would be open to other, neighboring, departments, as well.

Chasity Cable suggested coordinating with Nancy Smith, at the Community Center, to ensure that there are no room conflicts with future meetings' days/times.

The Board discussed the benefits of keeping an earlier board meeting time, on an ongoing basis, to better facilitate travel for all (especially with the approaching winter season).

The Board's communicated their desire to give the Chief whatever/everything that he needs and encouraged him to communicate all that he needs.

No motions were made during this portion of the meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

a. Time: 4:15

Motion Made: Director Rickman made the following motion, "I move to adjourn the meeting."

Director Brock seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried with the following vote - Yeas = 4 / Nays = 0 / Abstaining = 0