

GATEWAY - UNAWEEP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.

Members Present: Fred Bolton, Lisa Eakle, Jeannie Lewis, Madonna Dormaier, John Fuller

Public Present:

Minutes were approved as submitted.

No bills and/or appropriations.

No hearings.

Reports

Fire Chief, James "Bear" Barnett:

(See written report attached)

Items specifically reviewed:

1) Brush 121: Pump went out. Ray G and Fred looked at and feel pump could be rebuilt. Gear reducer salvageable; hopefully can purchase bearings. Hopefully can reduce cost to \$350 as opposed to \$1,800

2) Ambulance 121: Rims bent, cannot bear the load. Ford says rims no longer issued; Fred will do research to see if indeed replacements not available

3) Housing challenges: Housing at resort is proving to be a bit problematic; gets really dirty and out of control during season. Look into possibility of implementing housing in the Community building. Plumbing is in place for needed shower/toiletry facility. Just need permission from Community Club to utilize storage/closet area. Start conversation how to make building more appropriate for firehouse. Fred will find decision maker at county to get ball rolling. We need to look at not just simply modifying, but really making it work. Additionally, rent can be saved by building modification.

4) Ambulance 122: Should we really consider selling? Fred concerned with Ambulance 121 having issues and not having a backup ambulance. Madonna said the availability to lease an ambulance from the district would not be a problem.

Chief Barnett and David would like to liquidate some of the equipment and replace with apparatus that can serve dual purposes.

Before proceeding, Fred would like Chief Barnett to get actual costs to keep secondary ambulance stocked vs leasing ambulance.

5) Credit card can be attained, however funds are not yet there to utilize

6) Long range goal to transition Lt. Dormaier to Captain

Chairman's Report

Contacted Mesa County regarding fuel acquisition; we can purchase fuel at county rate. Scott F would like to bill monthly vs our preferred quarterly. We were allowed fuel at no charge for 2015. Fuel charges will take affect January 1, 2016. Estimate annual usage \$3,400

Treasurer Report

Balances as of 9/13/15:

Department Account - \$2,957.18

District Account - \$6,970.09

Payroll Account - \$31,821.05

Dynamite Shoot brings in about \$5,000; 2015 Spring Shoot was around \$8,000. With the Spring Shoot over, if Fall Shoot runs a little short it will average out.

Taxes/mill levy was around \$51,000 in 2014. We receive around \$800/month from County. Receive main chunk of money in Spring and another in July.

In speaking with Chief Barnett, he feels comfortable with compiling budget.

Unfinished Business

SOG Mission Statement Approval

Mission Statement / Vision Statement – sometimes having both can be confusing. Being cognizant of community tone, create Mission Statement ensuring community engagement.

Madonna submitted the following thoughts for Core Value; select top 10 and review at next meeting:

Community Service Trust Competence Loyalty Rural Resourceful
Simple Essential Dependability Reliable Autonomy Efficient Professional

SOG 2001 Approval – Apparatus & Equipment Roster

From previous meeting, all board members wish to include “budget dependent and board approved” language to the drafted proposal. Add sentence, “This plan is budget dependent and requires board approval.” To be added at the end of the draft overview statement.

Attorney liked language, but clarified that with or without with this language it does not preclude Board decision. Everything concerning money requires Board approval.

Lisa motioned to accept new language. Madonna Second. Accepted and approved.

School has chosen student to attend Board meetings – Dalton Fredericks will begin to attend meetings.

New Business

Fall Dynamite Shoot

Most of the supplies have been purchased. Everything is on schedule.

Rincon TB test

Chief would like consideration to pay for contract labor. Typically contract labor pay for their own licenses, requirements etc. Jeannie will call for cost, but feeling is no.

October & December Meeting Dates

October meeting to be held at 5:00pm on Monday the 12th to comply with budget requirements; first draft needs to be approved by Board by October 15.

Fred will request Chief Barnett to email draft prior to meeting on the 12th.

December meeting to be held December 8th.

November meeting is good as scheduled on the 17th.

General Discussion

Board was asked to consider adjusting current work structure. Working 20 days on/10 days off could easily result in burnout and turnover. Chief Barnett suggested traditional fire department structure, but that would not work for GUFD as it is not economically feasible. Let's be open to conversation and ideas to adjust/modify.

Motion to Adjourn by John
Lisa Second
Adjournment at 7:30pm