

Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Department Board Meeting  
Scheduled time: 6:30pm  
January 20, 2015  
Gateway Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Chairman Fred Bolton

Present: Fred Bolton, Lisa Eakle, & Madonna Dormaier, Board Members; Dorothy Espe, Secretary; James (Bear) Barnett, acting Fire Chief

Absent: Kristina Harms & John Fuller, Board Members

Guest: David Anderson

December minutes were accepted as written.

There were no bills or appropriations

**Public Input:**

David Anderson, former Fire Chief, attended as guest. David apologized to the Board for getting upset at the interview. He has been a volunteer for 7 ½ years and is passionate about the department – he was not trying to put board in a blackmail position. He is still interested in working in a contract, part time status. David wondered if he’s been kicked out as a volunteer. Fred said that the whole board needed to discuss, possibly in an executive session after next month’s meeting. They will get back to David.

**Contracts:**

Fred signed the Fire Chief contract with James Barnett (Bear). He will have a start date of February 1, 2015. A copy will be put with minutes and a copy sent to Larry Barnett, attorney.

**Fire Chief Report:**

Bear has been keeping people busy since they’re on the clock. He’s ordered medicines & shipped some equipment off for repairs. He’s prioritizing and setting schedules for interviews & training. A map for the resort was printed & he will get others printed. Leah Campbell is working on grants. Next deadline for equipment grant is June or July – she has the information. Training grants are ongoing – need to apply 45 days in advance.

David Dormaier is working on casita live burn.

Need dollars in budget for equipment repair – Life packs need ongoing maintenance – contract for that is \$1500-2000/year.

**Treasurer Report:**

None – Kristina absent

### **Chairman's Report:**

The Ford ambulance was sent to Bear Automotive to fix front end – Rims were bent & it was out of alignment. Electronics were also fixed. Chevy ambulance also had wear & tear alignment problems. That's been fixed, brakes checked & electrical fixed. Radio was wired to wrong pole, kicking on & draining battery. New combo gel batteries were put in. Fred tested and all worked ok – no battery drain. Equipment is in good shape.

Insurance information was submitted to a different company for a quote – hoping for better rate since Fire Department has had no losses. VFIS (current insurer) called & offered to send policy to underwriter & came back with a lower rate. Department had to take out Workman's Comp policy which doubled insurance expense. With reduced premium cost, increase is not as great. Other company's bid not received yet & may not be in time – have to get back to VFIS on Wednesday. Fred felt it was best to stay with VFIS – Board was ok with that.

Finances – making bills but getting tight. At prior meeting, there was discussion about the Wells Fargo investment account. It's costing \$120/year. Board was supposed to consider options – add to operating? Madonna felt it was best to transfer it into operating account. Lisa agreed since putting it into another investment account would be committing \$50-100/month to investment. Fred had paperwork to transfer funds – all was signed & approximately \$3800 will be transferred.

### **Budget:**

Fred worked with attorney to revise the 2015 Budget. It was adjusted to add the Service Agreement income & expenses. Contract with HIH adds \$168,000 to revenue for 2015. No grants were received in 2014 so that line was zeroed out. The \$3,800 from Wells Fargo was added to income. Expenses were increased by payroll and contract labor accounts – Some expenses were dropped to be closer to 2014 actual. Funds from the volunteer account were added to bring the ending cash balance to \$763. Emergency Reserves were recalculated to be 3% of prior year expenses – it had been calculated at 3% of Revenue but that was incorrect.

Fred will revise the budget to reflect the funds received from the volunteer account for the 6x6 modification. It was transferred in 2015 so will be transfer in 2015 Budget.

There was a motion by Madonna to adopt the 2015 Revised Budget. The motion was seconded by Lisa. All were in favor.

Revised budget will be sent to Larry Beckner.

Fred would like to send a letter to the Community outlining the new department structure and introducing Bear. Also need to encourage people to call 911 instead of calling Fire Department directly. Fred will send rough draft to Board next week.

Fred talked to Larry Beckner about accepting volunteers with health restrictions. Larry said it was not wise to put them anywhere that might involve lifting. Could possibly be used in Fire House jobs, but not active duty.

Fred will adjust Fire Danger signs in Canyon. He is sending out Dynamite Shoot flyers to Sportsman Warehouses. No longer have spots on KEKB due to new ownership/management.

There was a motion by Lisa to adjourn. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> Madonna and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Espe  
Secretary