

Gateway-Unaweep Fire Department Board Meeting
Scheduled time: 6:30pm
May 20, 2014
Gateway Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Board Chairman, Fred Bolton

Present: Lisa Eakle, John Fuller, Madonna Dormaier - Board Members; Fred Bolton - Chairman; David Anderson - Fire Chief; Dorothy Espe - Secretary

Absent: Mason Braddock - Student Board Member

April minutes were accepted as written.

There was no public input - No bills or appropriations

Fred had cookies from the Star Fish Club. Their main purpose is to do good deeds.

Treasurer Report:

None - Balance not available - Fred is paying bills, Dorothy picking up mail. No Treasurer since Mark has left. Beverly Fuller volunteered to be on board if no one steps up. Fred said we'll look for a while - need someone who could be treasurer.

Fire Chief Report:

David attended Forest Service fire prevention meeting at Ray Gooch's - locals in attendance. He got suggestions on where GUFD could possibly put equipment in canyon. Also got 6 new volunteers - Paul Ashcraft, Kevin & Stephanie Duckett (formerly on fire department), John & Lela Titus (both RNs), one other(?).

David was asked about possibility of putting ambulance or truck in canyon. Could put old ambulance somewhere if there was qualified driver. Ambulance would be BLS only but better than nothing. David cleaned it up - interior is in good shape & it runs good - might have fuel leak - liquid coming from engine compartment. Can take it in to get serviced when Volvo tender comes back. It's higher priority than fixing suspension on new ambulance.

Need to add it to insurance. Mesa County EMS does inspection - fee is \$100 plus \$20 for each vehicle.

Five ton truck - new pump on skid works well. Had to recharge battery to start. Needs booster reels - Fred told David to get ones that hold 150 feet. David will get information to Fred so he can order them.

David is looking at lights for trucks. Ebay is best source for LED light bar. Would need one bar for front & one for each side also 2 small spots for back. David will get ordering information.

BLM grant available - 50% match required. Not much money but got some last year. It's for small items - brush gear, tools. David can write it for \$10,000 & see what is awarded. There was a motion by Madonna to have David apply for VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) grant. 2nd and all were in favor.

Chairman's Report

Board approved \$55,300 bid from Thompson for 6x6 project. (copy attached-sent be email to board members) Fred wrote a letter authorizing them to start work. Hope to get it to them by June.

Volvo should be done on Thursday – David will take old ambulance to Fred's & Fred will take it in & pick up Volvo from Fast & Easy. Volvo pump bearings were shot – they were fixed before it became major repair. Old ambulance will be fixed & brought into service. New ambulance will be taken to Bear Alignment to fix shimmy. Brush truck is at Westpark getting flat bed & tool boxes put on it. Brush truck is also getting extra flasher lights on sides & paint job is done. Should be ready right after Memorial Day. Skid pumper with 300 gallon tank will be put on it to make it a good fast response brush truck.

Fred took 6x6 in to get batteries – guy said not available – however, he talked to National Guard & got pictures of battery that will work. It's made by Interstate. (National Guard recommended using Interstate instead of Hawker dry cell battery) Will need 4 batteries. Trucks are indestructible but Fred was warned not to put in 6 wheel drive, load & throttle – can tear transmission case out (?)

Fred will be gone for June meeting – Lisa will chair as oldest (longest term) board member. Fred will send out agendas & any updates before meeting.

Have close to \$100K in bank – will be spending \$55K on 6x6. Will plan to do one this year & one next year.

EMS billing sent notification that transports must be submitted for billing within three months (there has only been one for GUFD in 2014). EMS recommends submitting billing on monthly basis to prevent being denied.

Demographics – majority of people in canyon are over 40. Most under 40s are commuters. Need to send out notice before contacting people in person. Send questions to Fred & he'll write up. John will format & dress up.

May election was cancelled since there were not more candidates than positions open. Madonna Dormaier and John Fuller signed oaths of office and will serve for 4 more years.

Fireworks at Resort on June 24th & July 10th.

Date for next First Responder class not set yet.

Board approved Paul Ashcraft's application. Lisa will take applications to others.

Need to address at next meeting – Dynamite Shoot recap & amount to pay to BLM

There was a motion by Lisa to adjourn. Motion was 2nd and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Espe
Secretary