

**GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MARCH 16, 2011**

Attendance: Fire District Board of Directors
Lynn Shore (5/2012, 2nd term) Stacy Letson (5/2014, 2nd term)
Bill Nelson (5/2014, 1st term) Keith Lammey (5/2012, 1st term)
Ted Anderson (5/2014, 1st term)

Absent:

Staff: David Blair, Fire Chief Robert Ferguson, Deputy Fire Chief
 Diana Connell, Admin. Specialist

Public: Michelle Foster

President Shore called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 16, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Nelson. Approved by all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for February, 2011 were reviewed and discussed. Nelson moved to approve the February, 2011 financials subject to audit. Seconded by Lammey. Approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Foster stated she thinks some of the community is not aware of what the responsibilities are of all the area's agencies. She suggested the Fire District continue including information about the Fire District in the local newspaper.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **Antero Update** – Chief Blair and Deputy Chief Ferguson met with Rick Blankenship, Antero Resources, and reviewed Antero's Emergency Response Procedures. Chief Blair and Deputy Chief Ferguson shared information as to what might make it better and how the District needs to have something that outlined drilling in the District's area specifically. Mr. Blankenship stated that Antero has hired a new Safety Supervisor, Tara Mall, who will be working with Deputy Chief Ferguson to complete this project. Williams has started on the T&T pad near the Colorado River Bridge. Work to date includes access/egress road and early pad development.
- **Wildfire Season Update – CWPP** – The AOP is scheduled for March 21, 2011, at 10:00 am, at the Airport. Chief Blair will be taking the shift Captain to the meeting. During the March County Fire Chief's meeting, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan was discussed at length. The County Fire Marshalls have been working to finish up the County Fire Code adoption and have been assisting with this project as well. To date, the District has one proposal from Anchor Point, which is a very in-depth product; however, the current thinking is that it most likely is not what will work for Garfield County, especially at a cost of \$120,000. The County has just started the all-hazards plan, of which wildfires are a part of. The County Fire Chiefs think it would be better to partner with the county, share the costs, and still come out with a workable product in the end. There was also some discussion about using interns/work-study students from CSU to help write the wildfire portion, similar to what the District did with the new station construction.
- **Station Status** –

- Repair work has been completed at the Parachute Fire Station. The painters have one more coat of paint to apply and the station will be ready to put back in its prior condition.
 - Pinnacol Assurance, the District's Worker's Compensation carrier came and completed an inspection of the Battlement Mesa and Rulison stations. The inspection pertained to potential safety concerns, unsafe situations, and areas needing changes. The lists that were created included some administrative process items as well as engineering items. Overall, the District had very safe facilities and the staff is very safety conscious. This was a "courtesy" inspection that Chief Blair asked to be performed in advance of a potential "un-announced" inspection at a later date.
- **Apparatus up-dates** – The District is continuing to make necessary repairs to some of its apparatus:
- The ladder truck was inspected and placed out-of-service, at this time. The truck is operational and the ladder can be used as an elevated water source and light tower; however, no personnel are to be on the ladder at this time. The ground ladders passed inspection with the exception of two roof ladders which had too small of diameter "roof hooks." These have since been replaced and put back in service.
 - Tender 31 is back in service. The water pump, turbo and turbo sensor were repaired.
 - Engine 31, the Pierce, is in service. Wayne Kerber, Front Range Fire, was here to look at the damage. He will be sending a person from the body shop to come and make an accurate estimate.
 - Engine 32, the Oshkosh, is at Wagner Cat having the engine repaired. To date, they have determined that the turbo was bad. There was a cracked fuel line leaking diesel into the top of the valve assembly, rust in one of the cylinders, as well as oil leaks. Chief Blair has asked that they prepare a written description of problems found so he can send it to Front Range Fire and keep Pierce Manufacturing informed of the damages and necessary repairs.
 - Utility 34, 1999 Ford, was sent to Western Slope Ford to have its clutch repaired/replaced. This truck has 145,000 miles on it and this is the first time it has had any transmission work done.
 - Engine 34, 1948 Mach, work continues. The truck is currently being assembled as time permits. The truck was driven to the Early Learning Center this past week and shown to the Pre-School and Head Start children.
 - The crew cab and super cab trucks were delivered to the District this past week. Crews will be putting these trucks into service. Arrangements for radio/light bar installation, lettering/stripping applications, and bed toppers will be made as soon as possible.
- **Exxon Property Lease Update** – The District's attorney has been in communications with the Exxon attorney and Chief Blair believes that they are close to a workable lease agreement. Chief Blair has the latest lease agreement proposal available for the Board Members to review.
- **Other**
- Chief Blair contacted Barton Levin from AM Gas. AM Gas is the company who supplies power to the Activity Center. The paperwork has been turned into Excel to see what kind of savings or changes the District can get.
 - A Volunteer Fire Pension meeting notice went out to all the Board and Pension members. Chief Blair set up for the webinar to be at the Battlement Mesa Station March 29, at 10:00 am.
 - Chief Blair passed around the 2010 report from the Office of Preparedness and Security.

- Chief Blair passed around a draft copy of the “After an Emergency” brochure. Once all the editing is complete, he will take to Jean’s Printing and have the brochures made.
- Chief Blair stated that letters have been mailed to all current Fire District members about the 50th Anniversary Committee. Letters will be sent to previous members soon. They have all been invited to join the committee or to submit their stories and/or ideas.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Chief Ferguson distributed and discussed some Member Handbook changes. Lamme made a motion to accept the changes. Seconded by Letson. Approved by all.

Deputy Chief Ferguson updated the Board with the in-house training: HazMat Tech class has begun and the Fire Academy class is about to finish up.

Chief Blair said this Sunday is the testing for the Reserves positions. There will be seven members testing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Stacy Letson submitted a Letter of Resignation to the Board, effective as of end of day April 20, 2011. The open spot will need to be filled until the next election in 2012. There will be a posting in the paper of the opening. Anderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Stacy Letson. Seconded by Nelson. Approved by all.

ADJOURN

Shore stated that Chief Blair will present to the Board, at the next Board meeting, information on the benefits of FPPA and VFIS.

There being no further business or discussions, Nelson made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Letson. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Diana E. Connell, Administrative Assistant

Lynn Shore, Board President

Bill Nelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer