

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Glacier View Fire Protection District
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February 20, 2017

Board of Directors present: President Dave Burk, Vice President Pete Davis, Treasurer AJ Shilling, Secretary Will Boehm, and Director Randy Golden.

Fire Dept members present: Chief Jim Perry, Assistant Chief Vanessa Fournier, and District Administrator Diane Nelson

Public members: 7

Call to Order: President Dave Burk the Chair called the meeting to order at 19:01 and introduced the Board members and Fire Department members.

Acknowledgments:

Certificate of Recognition presentations to:

Terry Creekmore:	Served as a Board Member from 2015 – 2016 Terry received award.
Bob Paterson:	Served as a Board Member from 2014 – 2016 Bob was not in attendance, arrangements will be made to deliver to the award to him.
Sue Hewitt:	Served as a volunteer Fire Fighter for 10 years with GVFPD Sue received award and thanked the Fire Department.
Warren Jones:	Served as a volunteer Fire Fighter for 13 ½ years with GVFPD Warren received his award and thanked the Fire Department.

1. Secretary's Report

The board approved the previously distributed minutes of the meeting of the board held January 16, 2017 with a correction under new business; last sentence to say Glacier View Meadows not Glacier View District. Approval of Minutes was made by Vice President Pete Davis and seconded by Secretary Will Boehm. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report – Review of Receipts and Expenditures

Treasurer AJ Shilling distributed financial statements including 1-31-17 Balance Sheet as of Jan 31, 2017; Profit and Loss vs. Budget of January 1 2017 through January 31 2017; and Checks written over \$1000.00 which includes payroll and Emergency Reporting. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Secretary Will Boehm and seconded by Vice President Pete Davis. Motion carried.

3. District Administrator

District Administrator Diane Nelson who manages the administration of the fire department on behalf of the Board.

- (a) Anderson Whitney – Exemption from Audit Application – Obtain signatures of all Board members at close of meeting.
- (b) Multi-Agency Grant with Livermore FD; RFL FD; and Crystal Lakes FD was submitted February 13th 2017 to purchase AEDs for the Fire Department.
- (c) An informational meeting was held at the fire station on Feb 6, 2017 regarding the Gallagher Amendment with speakers Treasurer AJ Shilling and Scott Olene Program Manager with DOLA to explain the impact to the Fire District and surrounding Fire departments. In attendance were the public and Chiefs and board members of FDs and the director of the library.
- (d) FPPA – Bi-Annual Actuarial Valuation Report and Census is complete. Active Fire Fighters and Retired FF are updated.
- (e) Donations received – January 2017

King Soopers	\$349.40
Western Ridge/Chili Cookoff (Jan 28)	\$112.62 cash donation
Western Ridge/Chill Cookoff	\$643.00
Private Citizen	\$500.00
Private Citizen	\$250.00

4. Chief's Report

Chief Jim Perry – The Member Handbook was accepted and approved with corrections made from the last board meeting. The master copy will have February 20, 2017 date. A motion to approve the Members Handbook was made by Director Randy Golden and seconded by Secretary Will Boehm. Motion carried.

The Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) will now be initiated and provided to the Board for review at the March Board meeting.

Glacier View Meadows HOA has agreed to share the cost of the maintenance of the generator, thanks to Secretary Will Boehm for initiating the request to the GVMHOA.

Training is ongoing with nothing to report.

Equipment – Tender 2 water gauge level was installed (for safety precautions to the volunteer fire fighters) and billed under budget at \$309 at a savings of \$400. Engine 706 that sustained a mechanical failure at the Dec 26 2016 North Rim fire is currently at Becks Automotive Repair with estimated repairs of approximately \$2200.00. Engine 501 rear-drivers-side compartment panel door repair was \$100 with extensive welding work done by Captain Heath Fournier who repaired and welded the door. Thank you Captain Heath Fournier for your hard work and saving the fire department over \$3000.00.

Subsequent damage to the bay door was also repaired at a cost of \$450.00. The 9 SCBA's the department received in January of 2016 had a Safety Advisory notice from the manufacturer requiring a MSA Certified Repair Technician to come out to repair all defected units. It was also noted that each unit required an annual service per NFPA standards. Front Range Fire Apparatus is scheduled to do both repairs and service on

February 23rd. Each unit will cost \$100 to service. The Safety Repair will be at no charge and the trip fee of \$200 will be waived.

5. Committee Reports

Long Range Planning Committee – Chair AJ Shilling with members Dave Burk, Steve Switzer, and Jack Dilly. AJ Shilling distributed to the board a packet “Analysis of impact of Gallagher Amendment to 2017 taxes.”

Newsletter Committee – Chair AJ Shilling with members Steve Switzer, Lisa LaDue, Diane Nelson, and Mary Braccone. Mailing delayed due to assessor’s office to provide a new mailing list of 77 new residents in Glacier View Meadows.

Election committee – DEO Will Boehm with members Cheryl Franz, Vanessa Fournier, Jim Perry, Warren Jones, Jack Dilly, Diane Nelson, Mary Braccone and Pete Davis. The Gallagher Amendment and its impact to the Fire District was the main topic of discussion. In essence the 1982 Gallagher Amendment requires the state to lower the assessment rate for homes when residential values increase faster than nonresidential property values. That results in lower property taxes for homeowners but less revenue for local government agencies, including fire departments. Timing becomes an issue in the election process. Assessment values are certified to taxing jurisdictions by August 25th. As the Fire District decides to conduct an election, a ballot has to be certified to the County Clerk and Recorder by the second week of September, a very short time to carefully calculate all the various limits on property tax, and consider how to approach the issue with the voters. Long advance planning and communication with the voters is required for our election to be successful.

Issues to consider: How to approach the decision as to what level of Mill to present to the voters without confusion. The common perception is that voters will equate a mill rate increase with an increase in taxes, even though a mill levy increase may only maintain the same tax revenue level as the previous year.

How the messaging to the community should be addressed now that the Gallagher Amendment may take effect. Comparisons of outlying fire departments current Mill Levy in relation to where our District stands and discussing how it will affect voter response.

How the preceding year may also in effect cause another reduction in tax revenue

Solutions: The Election committee should do some community surveys and seek feedback from the voters. Hold workshops for the community and open dialog.

Knock on doors, grassroots canvassing, and word of mouth. Educate via Q&A sessions.

DEO Will Boehm stated that he will have his team split up, canvass, research and will present his findings at the May board meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

7. New Business

Firewise Chair Diane Nelson with members Dave Burk, Lori Davis, Ken Weisbrod, Mary Braconne. Glacier View Fire Protection District has been designated as a participant in good standing for the 2017 Calendar Year. This year the Firewise – Wildfire Community Preparedness Day will be held on June 10th 2017 11am-2pm – Joining in the event will be Livermore Fire Department, Red Feather Lakes FD, Crystal Lakes VFD, Poudre Canyon, AirLink, and Poudre Valley Ambulance.

8. Public Comment

One member of the public stated that an 8 mill would scare him while another stated that he would be willing to do a 10 mill.

Consideration of polling at the Firewise event.

Asst. Chief Vanessa Fournier stated that she is in contact with other volunteer fire departments and leadership to discuss budgets and recoup monies with fundraisers, and events to raise money. All fire departments to combine their efforts.

\$38k cash was raised after the High Park Fire.

9. Directors Comment

Randy Golden stated that the RF Highlands Board meeting in August 2016 with the Fire Chief and Asst Chief was received well by the community with support to the FD.

Dave Burk stated that prior to last Mill Levy there was hardly any public that attended any fire board meeting. We should all talk to neighbors and invite them to the meetings.

Will Boehm thanked the FD for their quick response to the fire on Lizard Head Mountain Drive, Poudre Canyon, Livermore, US Forestry Service, Larimer County Sheriffs and Emergency Services all assisted with the 1 acre fire. Thank you all for your assistance.

10. Adjournment 2002

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:02 p.m.

Diane K Nelson

District Administrator

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday March 20th 2017 at 19:00