



Grand Lake Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2019

Call meeting to order: Meeting called to order at 1835 hours.

Members present: Samantha Bruegger, David Craig, Mindy Nelson, Dick Romshek, Chris Ruske

Others present: Cheryl Dale, Donald Kern, Larry Goscha, Mark Piller, Kevin Piercy, Lucas Schmitz, Drew Mustari, Michael Arntson

Members Absent: None

Board Chairman's Opening Remarks: David Craig thanked the Board for their work over the last few months leading up to the successful Fire Chief Assessment Center. On behalf of the entire Board, Craig presented a check for the net amount of \$500.00 to Cheryl Dale thanking her for the tireless support during the Chief search process.

Changes to the Agenda:

- None

Public Input:

- Donald Kern expressed his opinions about district consolidation providing what he considers pro's and con's. Donald noted changes that he felt could be made right now with Grand Fire such as combined trainings and implementing mutual aid & auto aid agreements for more remote areas such as CR 41. Donald felt that there are more risks than benefits at this time for consolidation. The Board thanked Donald for his input.

Approve minutes from previous month's meeting:

- The minutes from the December 5, 2018 were reviewed. Mindy Nelson was listed twice, also in "Others present". The Board requested removing the duplicate listing. Chris Ruske made the motion to approve the minutes from December's meeting as corrected; Dick Romshek seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Review/approve bills and financial statements:

- The minutes from the December 2018 were reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding fiscal year-end and being over budget. We have yet to receive the invoice from the County Clerk for the November election. The Board requested the invoice for the Bunker gear order that has yet to be delivered be moved to 2019; expected delivery is February 15, 2019. The Board also requested confirmation of the requirements to amend the budget. Cheryl will contact DOLA.

Mindy made the motion to approve the bills and statements with the requested change; Samantha Bruegger seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Operations report: Lt. Mark Piller provided an update to the Board on Department Operations.

- The LED tube lights on the first floor of Station 1 have been installed. We are anticipating a significant savings for electricity based on this change. We will also submit for a rebate from Mountain Parks Electric for our LED bulbs purchase.
- The new dishwasher for Station 1 main kitchen will be delivered January 10th. The crew will install it.
- The Boiler at Station 1 has been having issues requiring the crews to reset it to maintain the station heat. Grand Lake Plumbing has ordered parts and scheduled the repairs on January 14th.
- We have a new firefighter resident; Drew Mustari moved in on January 3rd.
- Cooper Knochenmus has been hired as an Engineer and will start January 16th.
- Resident scheduling issues with weekend coverage occurred in the last two months and are being addressed.
- Staff and resident annual evaluations are due January 14th. Officer's will review the evaluations and meet with Asst. Chief Ruske to discuss.
- 2019 Training calendar has been completed.
 - Joe Starika will be developing the Wildland training calendar.
- Collin Ross' last shift will be Friday, January 11th. He has been hired by West Metro Fire and will be starting their academy.
- Collin Ross, Jake Dunn and Zack Valentine assisted the Town of Grand Lake with a large water main break. The town called Lt. Piller indicating they were extremely appreciative for the crew's assistance and would be sending a letter of thanks. David Craig requested a copy of the letter be placed in each of their personnel files and, if the Town does not send a letter, the Department is to create a letter of appreciation for their good work to be put in their files.
- Apparatus update:
 - New batteries for E371 have been ordered.
 - E361's primer repair is scheduled for January 17th.
 - The bid for R375 boat cover from Paul's Canvas is expected in the next few weeks.
 - S364 needs winter tires. The Board was in agreement with purchasing new tires for winter driving.
- Update on on-going Solar project was provided.

Old business:

- District Consolation was discussed. Results of membership Consolidation survey were presented, which showed mixed results. Discussion included Grand Lake Fire defining sacred cows, determining why we want to do this or why not. Further discussion resulted in the Board agreeing to not rush into this process; at the request of the Board, Mindy will follow-up with Grand Fire to see where they are in terms of interest in consolidation. Board was also in agreement to share our survey questions with Grand Fire.
- Fire Chief employment agreement was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, the Board was in agreement to request a new Fire Chief employment agreement from our attorney, rather than trying to change the language in the agreement from the previous chief. Request was made to also include language about use of duty truck in the new agreement. David Craig to contact the attorney for a new agreement.

New Business:

- None

Motion to move to Executive Session:

- David Craig made the motion to move to Executive Session under Statutory Authority §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., to discuss Fire Chief candidates and their assessment center results. Samantha Bruegger seconded the motion at 2012. Approved by all.

Return back to General Session:

- Board returned to General Session at 2045.

New Business:

- A special Board meeting will be held on January 21, 2019 to announce their selection for the new Fire Chief. Samantha Bruegger to have a prepared press release ready.
- Staff raises were briefly discussed including cost of living increases of 2.8% vs merit increases. Cheryl to create a spreadsheet showing the cost of living increases. The Board agreement to table the topic until new Chief is in place and the budget is reviewed to determine if the funds are available.
- Board agreed to change the next regular Board meeting to Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Adjournment:

- Samantha Bruegger made the motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and Mindy Nelson seconded. Approved by all. General meeting adjourned at 2054.

The next Board of Directors regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019

Future Board meeting dates for 2019:

February 7th (date changed)

Wednesday meetings:

- March 13th
- April 10th
- May 8th
- June 12th
- July 10th
- August 14th
- September 11th
- October 9th
- November 13th
- December 4th