



Grand Lake Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2019

Call meeting to order: Meeting called to order at 1831 hours.

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

Others present: Chief Ratzmann, Assistant Chief St. Germain, Mark Paulsen, Wes Morosco, Mike Arntson, Lucas Schmitz, Drew Mustari, Alan Matlosz from George K Baum and Company for presentation only.

Members Absent: Samantha Bruegger (excused)

Board Chairman's Opening Remarks:

- David Craig asked presenters to be efficient due to an anticipated lengthy executive session.

Changes to the Agenda:

- 715 Bond Election Update.
 - A presentation was made by political consultant Alan Matlosz
 - Board achieved consensus and directed Chief Ratzmann to pursue contracting with this firm
 - Board directed Chief Ratzmann to proceed with a Bond ballot initiative for November 2019
 - The estimated cost is \$25,000.

Public Input:

- None

Approve minutes from previous month's meeting:

- The minutes from the April 16, 2019 were reviewed. David Craig made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mindy Nelson seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Review/approve bills and financial statements:

- A table motion was made by Mindy Nelson to move financial statements to next board meeting, board approved. Due to request by board for style changes including showing monthly and ytd percentages.
- Chief Ratzmann was directed to communicate to board immediately if there were any significant variances

Chief's report:

- See attached for details.
- Chris Ruske was concerned about Engine 371 in place as 1st due out because of access across certain Grand Lake bridges with weight load maximums. Chief Ratzmann responded that the decision was made due to

ISO and pump size water capacity. David Craig followed with asking what the mechanisms are for the crews to be reminded not to take this vehicle on these bridges. The question was suggested to be revisited and an appropriate procedure to be written and implemented; Chief Ratzmann and Chris Ruske agreed.

- Questions were voiced by the Board Members concerning the purchase of the ambulance, which were addressed by Chief Ratzmann. The board emphasized that a four- or all-wheel drive vehicle was appropriate and decided to limit the purchase to one vehicle, to reduce ancillary costs. Chief Ratzmann was directed to summarize the purchase cost along with an anticipated expense summary to ensure the new vehicle is dependable and road-worthy. The approximate purchase expense was anticipated at \$15,000. A motion was made by David Craig to approve the purchase of the ambulance, Mindy Nelson seconded the motion, approved by all.
- David Craig addressed the current practice of tracking the presence of Grand County EMS at Station 1 from 0800 to 2000 and emphasized that the data collected should be as accurate as possible.
- AED installation: need approval from Town or Business Owner. Batteries will be stored in heated cabinets.
- David Craig confirmed the sheriff is included with GLFPD for security and safety training requested by Still Water Church.
- A study to assess the viability of interfacility transports by Chief Ratzmann was approved by David Craig.
- Craig motioned to approve hiring the ballot/bond election firm at 1943 hours, Mindy Nelson seconded the motion, all approved. (see above)

Old business:

- None.

New Business:

- The GLFPD Board Code of Conduct was handed out to individuals in the audience potentially interested in serving as board members.

Executive Session:

- A motion was made by David Craig to go into Executive Session under Statutory Authority 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matter related independently to the District Administrator and Lt Mark Pillar. Seconded by Mindy Nelson, approved by all at 1955. The Board returned from Executive Session at 2210.
- Upon returning from Executive Session Chief Ratzmann was directed to proceed with instituting a letter of commendation and a one-time financial bonus compensation to Lt. Pillar in the amount of \$1,000.

Adjournment:

- David Craig made the motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and Mindy Nelson seconded. Approved by all. General meeting adjourned at 2216.

The next Board of Directors regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2019.

Future Board meeting dates for 2019:

June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 11th
October 9th (Pension Board)
November 13th (2020 Budget Public Hearing)
December 4th (2020 Budget approval)