

## GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of May 17, 2023  
Board of Directors' Meeting

**Board Members in Attendance:** Nancy Balter, JP Brewer, Susan Eagle, Patti Harris, Scott Mefford

**Board Members Excused:** none

**Also Attending:** Jason Puffett, Christina Jantzef, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Bob Dalton, Doug Barenburg. Brian Davis

**Call to Order:** 18:03 by Director Mefford

### Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Board meeting.

**Public Comment and Announcements:** none

### Financial Reports

- **Review of April Financials**
  - The April, 2023 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzef.
  - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **Review of Notable Payables:** none

### Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
  - Chimney Creek held a Wildfire Preparedness event last weekend, attended by 35-40 residents. Their Board decided that wanted to become a Firewise community.
  - One of Ridge townhomes is having a Wildfire event next weekend.
  - Two new ambassadors.
  - Got a grant for slash pickup. The granting agency wants to have ambassadors involved and has a preference to have the slash recycled. Dorie is working with Jeffco Open Space on the recycling part.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
  - 85 calls to date; good response times and participation. Training hours are impressive.
  - Apparatus:
    - Preventive maintenance completed on all apparatus
    - Utility 921 will need a new manifold.
  - Recruiting:
    - Roster is at 35, the desired number with a maximum of 40 possible.
    - 3 recruits will take the FF1 training.
    - The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book will be available in time for the Open House.
  - Facilities (Bob Dalton):
    - Leak in Ryan's office will be repaired under the roof warranty, after which the office will be repainted.
    - Kitchen plans are done, will go out for bids.
  - Medical (Doug Barenburg):
    - Continued coordination with Highland Rescue
    - New med bags that will be set up exactly the same as Highland's.
    - About 1/3 of GFR volunteers are EMTs. They sometimes respond directly to the scene for medical calls.
  - Wildland:

- Preparing 932 for availability for wildland fire national calls. Will be posted as available beginning this weekend.
- Participated in interagency wildland training at Evergreen Fire Rescue.
- Talking with other departments about having their wildland firefighters potentially filling a fourth seat on a GFR wildfire deployment.
- Marketing/Branding:
  - GFR 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts are in. The challenge coins have been ordered.
  - working on design for the logo to be used on community GFR merchandise.
  - will have apparel for sale at the open house
- Auxiliary/Community Liaison:
  - Kim and Mary provided a lunch for the interagency training at Evergreen Fire. It was very much appreciated and well-received.
  - Kim did another autism training
  - Blood drive has been scheduled.
- Mental Health Coordinator:
  - Joe Auster attended an interagency event in Golden facilitated by the Never Alone group.

### **Old Business**

- Foothills Fire Board of Directors has expressed an interest in meeting with the GFR Board. Susan Eagle will coordinate with Foothills BoD.
- Emergency Access Road update:
  - Genesee Foundation is working with Jeffco Planning and Zoning to understand permitting requirements to be included in the next phase of engineering study.
  - Genesee Foundation is drafting an easement agreement with GFR for the land the road will be on. GFR's attorney will then review.
  - There will be a separate easement agreement with GWSD.
- Legislative update: Chief Puffett reviewed the relevant legislation that was passed in this session of the Colorado legislature.

### **New Business:**

- JP Brewer was administered the oath of office.
- The Board unanimously elected Scott Mefford to fill the open seat.
- Election of Board officers:
  - President: Scott Mefford
  - Treasurer: Patti Harris
  - Secretary: Nancy Balter
- Staffing: Chief Puffett presented a draft job description for a Training and Administrative Coordinator. There was discussion about the pros and cons of requiring a fire fighter 1 qualification.

**There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:20.**