

Genesee Fire Protection District

Minutes of February 21, 2024

Board of Directors' Meeting

Attendance

Board Members in Attendance: Scott Mefford, Nancy Balter, JP Brewer (by Zoom), Patti Harris, Susan Eagle (by Zoom)

Board Members Excused: none

Also Attending: Jason Puffett, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Max Herte, Bob Dalton, Chris Kleiner, Clare Geiselman

Call to Order

18:00 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 17 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements

none

Financial Reports

- **Review of November Financials**
 - The January 2024 financial report was presented by Chief Puffett.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved to unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **Review of Notable Payables**
 - Although not on the January financials, \$170,000 spent for new air packs and 2 new laptops ordered and received.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Lt. Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - The FRWRM grant (3 years) was awarded. There are 2 parts to it: (1) \$50,000 for purchase of a new chipper. Genesee Foundation will pay \$37,500 toward the match and GFR will pay \$12,500. A user agreement with Genesee Foundation is currently being drafted. (2) \$68,000 for Open Space mitigation, part of which will be used by Genesee Foundation and part of which be used to mitigate Open Space in Forest Hills that impacts evacuation.
 - The COSWAP grant was awarded; GFR will have the Mile High Youth Corps for 2 weeks to work on tree removal in Chimney Creek HOA. The HOA will be responsible for the biomass removal.
 - Met with AIM grant organization for tips on applying for a grant to support slash drop-off and removal in the District.
 - Two slash drop-off dates are being planned for this summer.
 - FireAside: working with Jess Moore (EFR) to customize the software. Should be able to start home assessments in March. All Districts using the software have decided not to charge for the assessment.
 - Ambassadors have been included in EFR events and some have attended.
- **Administrator/Training Coordinator Max Herte's Report:**

- Transitioning to new software to replace Emergency Reporting for record keeping.
- PulsePoint had a soft launch. Will rollout awareness to the community soon.
- Finished the CPR instructor class.
- Wildland refresher scheduled. Jeffco Open Space will be sending some people, also open to Highlands Rescue Team and Foothill Fire members.
- Offering a drivers' class.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - 42 calls and 300 hours of combined training year to date.
 - **Apparatus**
 - Preventive maintenance completed on all trucks.
 - 954 repaired under warranty and operating fine.
 - **Recruiting:**
 - One potential recruit so far.
 - **Facilities** (Bob Dalton): All good.
 - **Medical:**
 - Trainings continue.
 - Attended training to teach first aid, along with Keith Dierking.
 - **Wildland** (Chief Puffett):
 - Refresher next month
 - **Branding** (Chris Kleiner): moving forward
 - **Auxiliary:**
 - Planning for annual party this summer
 - **Community Liaison:**
 - Continuing to do autism trainings

Old Business

- **Volunteer Firefighter Reward Program** (Chris Kleiner)
 - Draft policy almost completed
 - Will require a change to the by-laws and consultation with GFR's attorneys
- **Access Route Update** (Chief Puffett)
 - Meeting March 1 to discuss cost estimate and ways to reduce the projected cost. Director Mefford may also attend.
 - Community meeting in February was poorly attended.
 - Will meet with residents on Bitterroot and Daisy next month.
 - Next community meeting in April.
 - A Board work session was scheduled for March 8 at 3 pm to look at evacuation modeling and discuss the cost estimate.

New Business:

- **Approval to purchase FRWRM grant-supported chipper**
 - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for the expenditure of \$100,000 for the purchase of a chipper.
- **HB 21-1110: Website Accessibility Law Update**
 - A company has been retained to update the website in order to be in compliance with this new law. They will also make other improvements to the website.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:15.