

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of April 20, 2022
Board of Directors' Meeting

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

Board Members Excused: none

Also Attending: Christina Jantzeff (by zoom), Jason Puffett, Ryan Babcock, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Bob Dalton, Gary Anderson (Genesee Foundation)

Call to Order: 18:01 by Director Mefford

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2022 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements:

- Gary Anderson, Genesee Foundation, thanked Chief Puffett and Director Balter for attending the work session between the Genesee Foundation Board of Directors and the Genesee Fire & Safety Committee, April 19, to discuss the findings of the evaluation of Emergency Access Roads in GFPD.

Financial Reports

- **Review of March Financials**
 - The March, 2022 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzeff
 - Review of notable payables: none
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - The WiRē findings were presented to District residents by the WiRē team in a Zoom presentation on April 14. 84 residents attended. A recording of the presentation and the slide deck is on the GFR website.
 - Wildland Prepared assessments continue. Approximately 10 people signed up for assessments after attending the WiRē presentation.
- **Training Chief Ryan Babcock's Report**
 - Photos from the car fire, car extrication and wildland refresher were presented.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - Events:
 - Graduation is planned for May 21
 - A department-wide event is being planned for sometime this summer
 - Work has begun planning the Open House
 - Apparatus: no report, all is well
 - Recruiting:
 - continued work
 - two applicants have second interviews coming up.
 - Facilities (Bob Dalton): none, other than noting loose brackets on the TVs in the training room.
 - Medical:
 - continuing training opportunities, including with Highland Rescue
 - GFR will help with the 9 Health Fair hosted by Highland Rescue on 5/23.
 - Wildland: coordination of training and equipment for wildfire season

Old Business

- 50th Anniversary Book: Chief Puffett reported that he and Hank O'Brien met with a different contractor than the one first identified. They are excited about this journalist's vision to present GFR and its history as a model for volunteer fire services.
- Emergency Access Road Update
 - Chief Puffett reported on the progress to date by the tri-Board working group on a southern Emergency Access Road (EAR) and the process that is being used to build consensus among the Boards with the ultimate goal of developing specifications for an RFP.
 - All three entities (GFR, GWSD and Genesee Foundation) will post identical material on their websites with a goal of total transparency.

New Business

- E-Newsletter
 - Chief Puffett reported that one of the WiRē findings was that District residents preferred to get information via an e-newsletter and, based on this, he has retained the services of a company to prepare a quarterly one-page newsletter
 - Distribution of the newsletter will be through HOA channels

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 18:59 hours.