

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of August 16, 2023

Board of Directors' Meeting

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

Board Members Excused: none

Also Attending: Jason Puffett, Max Herte, Christina Jantze (by Zoom), Joe Auster, Bob Dalton, Alex Witkowicz, Diane Davies (Genesee Foundation Board), Will Quimby (Genesee Foundation)

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 July 19, 2023 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements: none

Financial Reports

- **Review of July Financials**
 - The July, 2023 financial report was presented by Christina Jantze.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **Review of Notable Payables:**
 - expenditures for equipment repairs and the diesel exhaust system were discussed
 - in view of the expenditures to fix up the station in advance of the 50th anniversary celebration, the kitchen remodel project has been put on pause.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report (Joe Auster)**
 - Dorie is part of 3 person crew responding on 932, to a fire in California. Deputy Chief Auster is back-filling for her.
 - Wildfire Prepared assessments and other community events have been rescheduled.
 - Slash Drop-off:
 - There was a total of 123 drop-offs.
 - 23 volunteers put in a total of 84 hours helping.
 - 2 30-cubic feet roll-offs with chipped slash were taken to the Rooney Road site operated by Jefferson County and then were recycled by A-1 Organics. This disposal mechanism will not be available next year.
 - FRWRM grant to buy a chipper
 - The general outline of a grant proposal was presented.
 - The consensus of the Board supports the proposal, dependent on a MOU between the Foundation and GFR.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
 - 180 calls to date – up 18% from this time last year; good response times and participation. Excellent cooperation and mutual support between GFR and Foothills.
 - **Apparatus:**
 - Repairs to 931 done in-house.

- 932 is on an out-of-district fire
- The new brush truck should arrive soon.

- **Recruiting:**
 - Dave Olsen will be taking over from Hank O'Brien
- **Facilities:**
 - Repairs to the exterior of the building completed.
 - Garden in the front near completion.
 - Repairs to the parking lot will be completed in the next few weeks.

- **Medical:**
 - Coordinating with Highland to use medical bags that match.
 - Helicopter landing training was postponed.

- **Wildland:**
 - membership kept aware of what is happening locally and nationally

- **Marketing/Branding:**
 - 50th anniversary branding is complete

- **Auxiliary:**
 - working on the 50th anniversary celebration and the garden

- **Mental Health Coordinator:**
 - coordinating with Highland

Old Business

- **Southern Emergency Access Route Update**
 - Diane Davies reported on the current status
 - Issues related to the easement agreement between Genesee Foundation and GFR were addressed a new draft easement, which Chief Puffett had not yet seen.
 - A meeting was scheduled with the GFPD, GFR and Genesee Foundation to more fully discuss a timeline and legal issues related to a potential mil levy request and vote.
- **50th Anniversary Celebration**
 - Expect about 100 people
 - The book is great!

New Business:

- Max Herte introduced himself.

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