

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of May 19, 2021
Board of Directors' Meeting
via Zoom conference

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

Board Members Excused: none

Also Attending: Chief Puffett, Deputy Chief Neil Frame, Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton, Training Chief Ryan Babcock, Bob Dalton, Joe Auster, Christina Jantzef

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 April 21, 2021 Board meeting.

Public Comment and Announcements:

- none

Financial Reports

- **Review of April Financials**
 - The March, 2021 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzef. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the financials as presented.
- **Audit:** Christina reported that field work is complete, she is adjusting some entries and expects a clean draft in the next few days. Director Harris will review it before it is presented to the full Board next month.

Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants

- **Wildland Specialist Dorie Dalton's Report**
 - The website has seen a fair amount of activity but only 17 people have filled out the CWPP feedback form.
 - Two neighborhood walks have been scheduled with Meg Matonis of Forest Guild. Dorie will continue to advertise these events.
 - Dorie showed a graphic of the WiRē process. Training on the Rapid Assessment has been completed.
 - Dorie helped the Genesee Fire & Safety Committee with site visits supporting the defensible space grant they submitted.
 - Dorie has done a lot of outreach to the various HOA Boards in the District and developed good working relationships.
 - In response to a question about having both a website and a Facebook page, Dorie said they reach different audiences and her workload isn't increased by posting on Facebook.
- **Training Chief Ryan Babcock's Report**
 - Chief Babcock reviewed the training that has occurred to date.
 - The Academy is almost complete with 3 trainees finishing the wildland module this month.
 - There are 4 new EMTs.
 - There was a Class A live fire building exercise.
 - Medical training is back in person.
 - Several firefighters completed task books: Chief Puffett and Lt. Boyles - engine boss and Peter Greenstone - squad boss.
- **Deputy Chief Neil Frame's Report**
 - Joe Auster will take over as Deputy Chief.
 - Call volume to date for 2021 was similar to last year.
 - Events:
 - Open house being planned for September

- Graduation celebration is still being planned for June.
- Apparatus (Joe Auster): Significant repair on 971. The new utility vehicle has arrived and still being equipped. All apparatus are ready for wildfire season.
- Recruiting:
 - 2 recruits are on board, 1 is just awaiting completion of background check and another 3 have expressed interest and are in process. Will probably have 4-5 in the Academy.
- Facilities (B. Dalton): just general maintenance/upkeep. There is a new picnic table.
- Medical: had an in-person training with Dr. Drago.

Old Business

- **Rotary Wildfire Ready**
 - Nancy Balter reported on the education truck that was in Elk Creek and Evergreen earlier this month and will be at the GFR Open House in September.
- **Jeffco Wildfire Mitigation Task Force**
 - Susan reported on the proposed transition from a task force to a commission.
- **Joint Resolution to close the pension plan.**
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the Joint Resolution of the Genesee Fire District Board of Directors and Volunteer Firefighter's Pension Fund Board of Trustees Closing the Volunteer Firefighter's Pension Plan to New Members.

New Business:

- **Evacuation**
 - Chief Puffett reported on the negotiations with Jefferson County about building a southern egress road from the District, including defining the requirements for such a road. There are several possible funding mechanisms.
 - Genesee Foundation is taking the lead on getting the necessary easements in place.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:02 hours.