

## GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of October 21, 2020

Board of Directors' Meeting

*via Zoom conference*

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

**Board Members Excused:** Susan Eagle

**Also Attending:** Neil Frame, Joe Auster, Bob Dalton, Christina Shea

**Call to Order:** 18:01 by Scott Mefford

### **Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously, to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Board meeting.

**Public Comment and Announcements:** none

### **Financial Reports**

- **Review of August Financials**
  - The September, 2020 financial report, presented by Christina Shea, was accepted as stated although after discussion, the Christina will discuss with Chief Puffett how the First Due contract payment was budgeted.
- **2020 Draft Budget** was not discussed other than to note that only minor changes were made since the presentation last month.

### **Reports of Officers, Committees, Professional Consultants**

- **Deputy Chief Neil Frame's Report**
  - Call volume is ahead of last year at this time, and the response to calls has been good.
  - Events: All plans have been canceled due to COVID.
  - Apparatus: Joe Auster reported that Brush 954 blew the high pressure fuel pump and is being repaired. 932 has been deployed to the Cameron Peak fire and has performed well. In all, GFR has done 3 72-hr deployments to the fire. Seven GFR firefighters have participated in these deployments.
  - Recruiting: The academy has started. Recruitment has paused.
  - Facilities: Fix and repair continues.
  - Medical: A training is scheduled at the station using appropriate COVID precautions.
  - Training: Training videos are on the GFR YouTube channel. Trainees had their first Class A fire burn and all did well.

### **Old Business**

- **Rotary Wildfire Ready**
  - Nancy Balter reported that RWR continues to gather information about the failures of the CodeRED system in the Elephant Butte fire. They are currently exploring whether they should support some kind of fixed camera system that could make real-time information available to residents impacted by a wildfire.
  - The Education Committee is planning monthly educational presentations.
- **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update**
  - Scott Mefford and Nancy Balter reported on progress to date. Survey response is closed (305 total responses). Meg and her colleague spent three days in the District doing neighborhood assessments.
- **Website Update**
  - Bob Dalton reported that the public website is complete and a great improvement. The plan is to have the existing url linked to the new site next week.
- **COVID-19 Update**
  - The department continues with Phase 2 precautions and is following State mandates.

- **Wildland Specialist Position**
  - The application period closed. Interviews are scheduled for November 4.

**New Business**

- **Disaster Declaration**
  - A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously, to approve the continuation of the disaster resolution, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0324-01, for one month.
- **Chief Puffett Review:** this was deferred since due to deployments, Chief Puffett has not been able to complete his self-evaluation.

**There was no need for an Executive Session**

**There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 19:06 hours.**