

MINUTES

for

February 10, 2025

The Regular GVFPD Board meeting was called to order by President Burk at 7:00pm

Board of Directors Members present:

President David Burk, Treasurer David Thompson, Secretary Berton Lee Lamb, Director Steve Groeteke.

Board of Directors Members not present:

Vice President Warren Jones (excused absence)

Fire Department Members present:

Chief Dan Knox, Assistant Chief Peter Henderson, Assistant Chief Jim Perry.

CWPP IT Members present:

Tom Hausfeld, Ted Sammond, David Koster, Henry Hudson.

Public Members present:

Les Thurman, Elisabeth Menning, Mary Keller, Mike Keller.

Emergency Division members present: Brandi Mann, Paula Rainsberger, Tait Rauen, Jesse Soucek, Caleb Keller.

Agenda

The agenda for Monday, February 10, 2025, was confirmed unanimously.

Administering the Oath of Office

Chief Knox gathered the probationary firefighters, as well as the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation Team (CWPP IT) members in attendance. All were officially sworn in as members of the Glacier View Fire Protection District (CO Rev Stat § 24-12-101 (2023)). Five firefighters and four mitigation volunteers gathered as a group in front of the Board of Directors to repeat and attest to the oath. Chief Knox had the group repeat and affirm the following oath:

I [name], do [swear or affirm] that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Colorado, and the laws of the state of Colorado, and will faithfully perform the duties of the office of Member of the Glacier View Fire Protection District upon which I am about to enter to the best of my ability.

The names of the firefighters and CWPP IT members who were sworn in:

<u>Probationary Firefighters</u>	<u>CWPP IT Members</u>
Brandi Mann	Tom Hausfeld
Paula Rainsberger	Henry Hudson
Tait Rauen	Ted Sammond
Jesse Soucek	Dave Koster
Caleb Keller	

Recognition of Service

Chief Knox talked about the nearly simultaneous calls which occurred in December of 2024, to which the GVFPD Emergency Medical Service responded admirably. Both calls were successfully managed, though the response crew for the 1st call split up to respond to the 2nd call. Both calls were medical in nature. Although Livermore FPD was also called, they were waved off when it became clear that their assistance was not needed. Chief Knox provided certificates of recognition for all those who participated in the calls and delivered them to those still in attendance at the meeting.

The names of the members who participated in the calls are as follows:

- Casey Johnson
- Bridget Knox
- Josh Kasik
- Paula Rainsberger
- Steven Leenerts
- Andy Brown
- Caleb Keller
- Jim Perry
- Brandi Mann
- Peter Henderson

Secretary's Report

It was noted that emails with the new .gov addresses have been missing. Some Board members have had no access to these emails. Chief Knox indicated that those having difficulty with the .gov email addresses should contact the Administrative officer to get the issues resolved.

The draft January, 2025 minutes are included in the February 10, 2025 Board Packet.

Action Secretary Lamb moved to Approve the Minutes for January 13, 2025. President Burk seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report

A detailed Treasurer's Report is included in February 10, 2025, Board Packet, Part 2.

Treasurer Thompson reviewed the report in the Board Packet, starting with the checks written for greater than \$1000. He explained that the check #3497, written to CoPro, was for fire hose for the new trucks. CoPro (a Canadian company) contacted GVFPD inquiring if GVFPD would like to pay for the fire hose sets before a possible government-imposed tariff became effective. This potentially could save GVFPD a significant amount of money. Chief Knox explained the situation, mentioning that CoPro is a preferred vendor for the fire hose, and the hose is not provided with the new trucks. Treasurer Thompson then went on to explain that check #3502 to ESO Solutions, Inc. is an annual renewal for the GVFPD reporting system, and that check #3513 to Denver University was for the GVFPD holiday party. Recording Secretary Victoria noted that the financial software had been updated, so that references "Alliance" has been replaced with references to "CWPP IT".

Action: Treasurer Thompson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Secretary Lamb seconded. No discussion. Motion Carried 4-0.

Action: President Burk moved to approve the list of signatories for submission on the form provided by Minnwest Bank. Secretary Lamb seconded. No discussion. Motion Carried 4-0.

The title of Resolution 2025 02-10 Application for Exemption from Audit was read into the record by President Burk as presented in the Board Packet. (See Attachment 1)

Action: President Burk moved to adopt Resolution 2025 02-10. Secretary Lamb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0

Chief's Report

Chief Dan Knox's detailed report is included in the February 10, 2025, Board Packet.

Chief Knox reviewed the report included in the Board Packet, starting with the Administrative Officer's (AO) Report. The report includes information on the migration to the new .gov email addresses, and the AO's January accomplishments.

A question was raised about the meaning of the word 'Archived', pertaining to information that may be accessible on the GVFPD website. Chief Knox explained that archived materials can be requested from GVFPD AO either in person or via the website. These archived materials are not ADA compliant, however, they are available upon request. Assistant Chief Henderson mentioned that vendors and contractors for GVFPD are being asked to provide their documents already ADA compliant.

Chief Knox continued with Operations reporting.

A total of ten (10) calls occurred in January.

The Glacier View Fire Protection District (GVFPD) is partnering with the Glacier View Meadows Homeowners Association (GVM HOA) in planning for water storage tanks and/or hydrants associated with the HOA's the water system upgrades affecting a few of the GVM filings.

As of mid-February, GVFPD has seven (7) EMTs!

Chief Knox reviewed the Squad 2 (replacement) report (contained in the Board Packet).

Action Secretary Lamb moved to approve Board authorization for Chief Dan Knox to work with Treasurer Thompson toward acquisition of a new Squad by appropriating \$40,000, contingent upon obtaining a grant, with a report on status, at the Board's regular meeting in March 2025.

President Burk seconded.

Extensive discussion occurred between the Board and GVFPD Fire Chief concerning how Squad 2 could be replaced sooner than planned and why current maintenance costs indicated the need for early replacement. Discussion identified that the required monies would amount to about \$40,000, if a used vehicle were to be purchased, or about \$70,000 if a new vehicle were to be purchased.

Motion carried 4-0.

CWPPIT

A detailed CWPP IT Report is included in the February 10, 2025, Board Packet.

Coordinator Hausfeld reviewed the report included in the February 10, 2025, Board Packet.

Unfinished Business

Secretary Lamb mentioned that items appearing in the Unfinished Business section of the agenda still appear every month as Unfinished Business items, because they are carried forward to future meetings. He discussed the difference between carrying an item forward, and tabling an item, mentioning that the Board has not tabled these items. Tabling them would remove them from the agenda until the appropriate future date.

New Business

Chief Knox reviewed two (2) attachments provided by Office Administrator Johnson and included in the Board Packet.

First, the MinnWest Bank signatures form which is ready for signatures.

Action:

Second, a Space Use Agreement covering the University of Denver (Mountain Campus) space that once built is to be volunteered for GVFPD use.

Third, the Board discussed the policy recommended by the Administrative Officer for the number of signatures required on checks, based on the amount to be paid. [The Board directed Chief Knox to update the GVFPD policy, raising the limit on checks requiring two \(2\) Board member signatures.](#)

Update on California Wildfires: At the request of President Burk, Assistant Chief Henderson was asked to give a report of his time working on the California wildfires.

- Assistant Chief Henderson said that there is little that can be done when Mother Nature unleashes such fire storms. There were several factors which made these fires so devastating, including the incessant, very strong winds and the wildfire mitigation condition of the areas.

- In our area in Colorado, we dodged a bullet with the two (2) most recent wildfires (High Park and Cameron Peak); they could have been devastating to the GVFPD service area.
- We must take evacuation seriously. Assistant Chief Henderson relayed a story about a person who decided to stick it out, later finding himself in a position that made rescue impossible.
- He stated that he had never seen such destruction as he did in Altadena, CA.
- He strongly believes that the message must go out about evacuations, routes, and more!
- Assistant Chief Henderson expressed his belief that the California wildfires “wrecked the insurance industry”.

Assistant Chief Henderson then went on to comment on the Amber Alliance’s suggestion of a 300’ fire break. He states that he would rather see a clean 100’ fire break, than a 300’ sloppy fire break. He tried to convey that under certain weather conditions (like high winds), a sloppy fire break will not be effective, as the wind will carry the fire across it, fueled by anything not cleared from the break.

Public Comments

Speaking as a GVFPD member, Amari Victoria thanked Assistant Chief Peter Henderson for the very sobering report regarding his experience fighting the California wildfires. She also mentioned interest in the GVFPD and GVM HOA collaboration for water storage (combined with the water system improvements projects).

Directors Comments:

Director Groeteke thanked our volunteers.

Treasurer Thompson thanked the EMS volunteers for their medical services. He also highly recommended purchasing a contract with Air Med (helicopter emergency medical flight-provider), as it is very much worth the cost.

Secretary Lamb showed appreciation for the EMS volunteers, as well as all GVFPD volunteers, stating that they do a great job. Regarding Assistant Chief Henderson’s report, Secretary Lamb mentioned that it is hard to get people to evacuate. That is always a difficult task. Secretary Lamb also called for a Communications Officer for GVFPD.

President Burk showed appreciation and thanked Assistant Chief Henderson as well as thanking all GVFPD personnel.

Adjournment:

Action Treasurer Thompson moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the GVFPD Board. Director Groeteke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

President Burk declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm MST.

Respectfully Submitted,



Berton Lee Lamb
Secretary
and Amari Victoria
Recording Secretary

Board Actions

Approved unanimously Resolution 2025 02-10.

Approved unanimously the MinnWest (Bank) signatories.

Approved unanimously authorization for Chief Dan Knox to work with Treasurer Thompson toward acquisition of a new Squad by appropriating \$40,000, contingent upon obtaining a grant with a status report on status on March 10, 2025.

NEXT BOARD MEETING MARCH 10, 2025