Glacier View Fire Protection District

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January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Board of Directors present: President Dave Burk, Vice President Warren Jones, Treasurer David Thompson, and Director Steve Groeteke

Excused absence: Treasurer Thompson

Fire Department members present: Fire Chief Dan Knox, Assistant Chief Jim Perry, District Employee Ed Sather.

FACA Members: Ted Sammond, Kathy Hudson, Henry Hudson. Public members: Jim and Linda Petrie

1.Secretary's Report - Report was submitted and made part of the Board Packet.

a. Secretary Lamb presented the minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular Board

Meeting. Secretary Lamb **Moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Vice President Jones Seconded. Discussion followed including Director Groeteke reading four paragraphs of a statement he had prepared.

Secretary Lamb **Moved** to amend the minutes by inserting the four paragraphs read by Director Groeteke at the beginning of Appendix B of the November 13, 2023 minutes. Vice President Jones seconded. Discussion followed. The Amendment carried.

<u>The Amended motion to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes carried.</u>

b. Secretary Lamb presented the minutes of December 11, 2024 regular Board Meeting.

Secretary Lamb **Moved** to approve the minutes as presented. President Burk seconded. Discussion followed including the observation that approving the minutes of the November Work Session there was one abstention. Secretary Lamb Moved to amend the minutes by changing the approval of the November Work Session to show that there was one abstention. Vice President seconded. No discussion.

The Amendment carried.

<u>The Amended Motion to approve the December 11, 2023 minutes carried.</u>

c. Secretary Lamb presented the minutes of the December 21, 2023 Special Board Meeting.

Secretary Lamb Moved to approve the minutes as presented. President Burk seconded. Discussion followed including the need to list "Public Members & Employees" before naming Ed Sather and removing the double listing of President Burk in the motion on page 3. These editorial changes were

agreed. Discussion also included the observation that a brief explanation was needed regarding the more detailed than usual summary of the General Discussion.

Vice President Jones **Moved** to amend the Minutes by adding such an explanation after the General Discussion summary and before the Motion. Secretary Lamb seconded. Discussion followed to clarify the language to be inserted.

The Amendment carried.

The Amended motjon to approve the minutes ofthe December 21 2024 Special Meeting Carried

2. **Treasurer's Report** - **No Treasurer's Report was available because Treasurer Thompson is recovering from surgery.**

3. **Chief's Report**- Report submitted and made part of the Board Packet.

The Chief's oral presentation closely followed the information in the Board Packet.

The Chief summarized the data for District emergency responses in 2023. Included in this summary were: 82 calls responded to, which is a slight reduction over 2022. These included two structure fires, seven wildland fires, and 49 medical calls. The Chief reported that nine members responded to 50% ofthe calls.

The Chief reported that a grant had been received from the El Pomar Foundation to be used toward the purchase of an ambulance stretcher. The Chief recommended that the Board accept the grant.

President Burk **Moved** to accept the grant from the El Pomar Foundation. Vice President Jones seconded. Discussion followed including the observation that such a stretcher is a very important addition to the capabilities of the Department. The Motion carried.

Secretary Lamb **Moved** to display the "Ideal Fleet" fact sheet as an appendix to these minutes. Vice President Jones seconded. Brief clarifying discussion followed.

(See Appendix A)

The Motion carried.

FACA Coordinator Report - (**Tom Hausfeld**) Report submitted and made part of the Board Packet. No Presentation was made.

Henry Hudson and Ted Sammond provided an update on the Curtin Burner cooperative effort. That report has been added to the minutes (See Appendix 8):

The Board was requested to put Reina Eshleman the Larimer County Sheriff Department on the agenda for February

4. **Committee Reports**;

a. **Budget Committee** - No Report

b. **Apparatus Committee** - Assistant Chief Jim Perry provided an update on the status of the Apparatus Committee deliberations. The Committee recommended that the Board set a Special Meeting for January 29, 2024 at 7pm at which time the representative of Sourcewell LLC can be available to answer questions. Assistant Chief Perry expressed the hope that the Board will be able to make a decision about acquisition as a result of the Special Meeting.

c. District Administrator Committee- Chief Dan Knox provided an update on the first meeting of this committee observing that good information was shared and understanding of the complexities of the District Administrator position was improved. Brief discussion followed in which the District Administrator Job Description was discussed and it was pointed out that building and property maintenance was not mentioned in the Job Description but has been an important part of the District Administrator's job. Additional discussion included that the Committee's focus is on a comprehensive review. President Burk sat in on the first meeting of the Committee because of Treasurer Thompson's illness. The next meeting of the Committee is set for Friday January 19, 2024 at 10:00am.

7. **Unfinished Business**:

No unfinished business.

8. **New Business**; No new business

9. **Public Comment** - No public comment

10. **Director Comments**

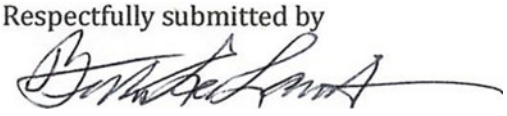
BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN:

Secretary's Report- Minutes of three meetings approved as amended. Motion approved to accept the grant from El Pomar Foundation.

Special Board Meeting scheduled for January 29, 2024 at 7pm

Adjournment: President Burk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM. Vice President Jones seconded. Call for discussion, no discussion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by



Berton Lee Lamb, Secretary

APPENDIX A

IDEAL FLEET FACT SHEET

1. 1 Ambulance - Medicals, MVA's, CO/odor investigations, rescue calls, fires
2. 2 Squad Vehicles -All calls, Incident Command post, QRV, personnel carrier, blocking vehicle
3. 1 Type 1 - Structure and wildland fires, MVA's, vehicle fires, smoke or odor investigation, rescues
4. 2 Fire Tenders - Water support for fires
5. 2 Type 6 - Wildland and structure fires, wildland smoke investigation, vehicle fires, MVA's, rescue calls
6. 1 Light Rescue - Medicals, MVA's, rescue calls, support vehicle, CO/odor investigations
7. 1 Type 7 UTV- Rescue calls, winter operations, wildland fire
8. 1 State Leased Type 4- Structure and wildland fires, water support, vehicle fires

APPENDIX B

Synopsis of information regarding the Air Curtain Burner (ACB) discussed at the 1-8-24 GVFPD Board Meeting:

On December 5th and 6th Frederic (Ted) Sammond and Henry Hudson attended training for the operation of Air Burners Burn Boss T24 Air Curtain Burner at Loveland Fire (LFRA) Station #7. The training resulted in certification in the operation of the above unit.

Loveland Fire was given the ACB by the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition who had been awarded it through a grant written by Will Davis of the BTWC.

Initially, LFRA proposed renting out the unit with associated crew and equipment for $5,000 per day, later reduced to $3,400 per day which considering daily operating hours and material burned was cost prohibitive. Recently, the Larimer County OEM secured a grant for $18,000 to be used to offset the rental costs of the ACB. In addition, LC OEM has offered to provide staff and a Type 6 if need to fill outthestaffing and support requirements needed for rental and proper operation of the ACB. The cost was reduced to $500 per day with the OEM $18,000 grant money covering that expense. It is hoped that the GVFPD will join the effort and provide staff and our Type 6 unit.

Operating the unit requires the renter be part of a fire department or the county providing diplomatic immunity from liability. As the proposed operations site is on a GVM HOA slash site on Straw Court, GVM's volunteer liability insurance will cover the CMV volunteers while collecting the slash and feeding the unit and either the GVFPD or Larimer County will be the rental signator.

During certification the presenter stated that the unit has been deployed nationwide for 26 years and has never had a fire escape. The unit can be operated year round except during high winds or while red flag conditions are in effect. The site needs to be scraped clear of all vegetation 50' on all sides of the unit. A small feeder pile is positioned 25' on the upwind side of the unit with the larger pile being 100' upwind from the unit based upon the normal direction of the prevailing winds.

CMV is proposing a community slash collection day on the weekend preceding the event to aid community members lacking the ability to haul their own slash and the Community Mitigation Volunteers (CMV) will undertake on of their road projects prior to the event, both supplying slash to build the "small pile". Presently we are looking at options to move slash from the big pile to the feeder pile.

On the day of the event Glacier Gals will cook a lunch for staff, community members and proposed dignitaries coming to watch the unit in operation. In addition, FAC will have a table set up with materials for home owners regarding mitigation, home hardening and have a sign up for the FAC Ambassador Program all designed to assist residents better prepare for a wildfire.

Henry and I would like to thank Tim and Craig, LFRA and Raina Eshleman and Derek, LC OEM for the training and the opportunity to deploy the ACB here in the GVFPD.

Next Scheduled Meeting:
Monday January 29, 2024. 7pm
Monday. February 12, 2024, 7pm
In-person - Station 1