

# **Glacier View Fire Protection District**

1414 Green Mountain Dr. • Livermore • Colorado • 80536 January 29, 2024 at 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours.

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

Fire Department members present: Fire Chief Dan Knox, Assistant Chief James Perry, Assistant Chief Peter Henderson, Casey Johnson, Captain Bridget Knox, Josh Cogswell, Drake Dragon, Lynne Creekmore, Henry Hudson (FACA), Kathy Hudson (FACA), and two unknown.

Public members: David Koster, Glenn McMillan, Will Boehm, Gabriele Boehm. Larry Peterson, Les Thurman, Fred Barlow, Cameron Barlow, Smith Barlow.

Sourcewell Representative: Christian Canavati.

- 1. Secretary's Report No Secretary's Report was presented.
- 2. Treasurer's Report No Treasurer's Report was presented.
- 3. FACA Coordinator Report No FACA Report was presented
- 4. <u>Chief's Report</u> Report submitted and made part of the Board Packet. The Chief's oral presentation closely followed the information in the Board Packet. President Burk asked if the Board Members had been able to read the Chief's Staff Report. All agreed that the Report had been read.

The Chief summarized the Staff Report by reviewing the history of the Ten-year Apparatus Replacement Plan. He reviewed the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards for tenders and pumpers. The Chief outlined the goal of keeping the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating as low as possible for homeowners and described the role that having new apparatus plays in maintaining that rating.

The Chief read the possible recommendations identified by the Apparatus Committee for Board action as described in Attachment B: (1) No action, (2) Continue seeking to acquire used apparatus, (3) Purchase a Type 1 Pumper and a Type 1 Tender.

The Chief described the costs and benefits of each of these options.

He indicated that the Committee recommended that the Board adopt Option 3 to purchase a new pumper and tender.

President Burk asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding the Chief's report. Several questions were discussed including the full cost of the action recommended, how the funding would be managed from the capital reserve account. The Chief described the benefits of using Sourcewell for the purchase. These benefits included that Sourcewell is a government organization which allows the District to use a lease process without putting the acquisition out for bid.

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### Action:

Vice President Jones <u>Moved</u> to approve the recommendations of the Apparatus Committee for the purchase of a new Type 1 Pumper and Type 1 Tender as described in the Staff Report dated 1-25-24 including the specific recommendations in Attachment B of that report. The six recommendations:

- **1.** The additional \$20,000 approved transfer to the Facility Reserve be allocated to the Capital Equipment Reserve Account.
- 2. Interest earned on the Reserve Account be allocated to the Capital Equipment Account (estimated at \$24,750, \$26,000, and \$32,000 for the next 3 years).
- 3. The \$100,000 of the increase in revenue from the increased property valuation (projected to be \$120,000) be allocated to the Capital Equipment Reserve Account (received in 2024, transferred in 2025).
- 4. In 2025 the Contingency Account will max out at \$100,000. Approve the annual transfer of \$20,000 be allocated to the Capital Equipment Reserve Account.
- 5. Budget Amendment for \$20,000 down payment on apparatus in 2024.
- **6.** Approve replacing the current Capital Equipment Plan with updated proposal that shows the apparatus purchase.

President Burk seconded the motion.

A discussion followed including the importance of obtaining equipment with four wheel drive, shorter wheel base, and a shorter turning radius. The specifications were briefly discussed and the observation was expressed that working with Midwest (the apparatus builder) would need to be handled by the Apparatus Committee. Discussion also included description of the build process, chassis and box length. It was observed that the contractual details would need to be reviewed by the District's legal representatives.

The Motion Carried 5-0.

## 5. Committee Reports:

a. **Budget Committee** - No Report

# 7. Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

## 8. New Business:

No new business

#### 9. Public Comment -

Budget Committee Chair, Fred DeLano asked if the approved motion is to buy both the pumper and tender. President Burk answered in the affirmative. Mr. DeLano also praised the current and past Boards. He recounted that in 2015 District had very limited resources but developed a strategic plan that has allowed us to take this action. He observed that the property tax revenue would probably remain stable for two years.

Ms Kathy Hudson said that she is very excited by the Board's action because the new trucks are very needed.

Mr. Henry Hudson thanked the Apparatus Committee because the old trucks "need to go!"

Assistant Chief Peter Henderson said that the decision by the Board was a big leap for the Board and District which he appreciated.

Fire Chief Dan Knox expressed appreciation for the work that has been done and described how the District's capital plan had allowed the upgrading of gear such as Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) which has brought the District up to standard.

A member of the public commended the Volunteers for excellent work.

# 10. Director Comments -

Treasurer Thompson thanked Fred DeLano for working so professionally with the Treasurer and Apparatus Committee in developing the overarching plan and building the recommendation.

Director Groeteke thanked the Apparatus Committee for excellent work.

Secretary Lamb expressed appreciation for the professional and comprehensive work of the Treasurer, Budget Committee, and Apparatus Committee.

Vice President Jones said that he is thankful for all the hard work and glad to be part of this District.

President Burk observed that the mill levy passed in 2018 has made a big difference in the capabilities of the District. He lauded the professionalism of the volunteers and Chiefs.

# **BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN:**

Motion approved to accept the recommendations of the Apparatus Committee.

Adjournment: President Burk moved to adjourn the meeting at 19:52 hours. Director Groeteke seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Berton Lee Lamb, Secretary

Next Scheduled Meetings: Monday February 12, 2024, 7pm Monday, March 11, 2024, 7pm

<u>In-person – Station 1</u>