

# Genesee Fire Protection District

## Minutes of June 19, 2024

### Board of Directors' Meeting

#### Attendance

**Board Members in Attendance:** Scott Mefford, Nancy Balter, Susan Eagle, JP Brewer (by Zoom), Patti Harris

**Board Members Excused:** none

**Also Attending:** Jason Puffett, Joe Auster, Dorie Dalton, Max Herte, Bob Dalton, Christina Jantzeff (by Zoom), Will Quimby, Kris Kleiner, Peter Greenstone, Josh Boyles, Dave Stagar

#### Call to Order

18:06 by Director Mefford

#### Minutes of Prior Meetings

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2024 Board meeting, and the June 12 and June 17 Special Board meetings..

#### Public Comment and Announcements

Director Mefford announced that the Board had received a letter May 31 from Chief Puffett announcing his resignation from GFR. He is taking a position at Evergreen Fire as a Battalion Chief.

#### Financial Reports

- **Review of May Financials**
  - The May 2024 financial report was presented by Christina Jantzeff.
  - A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the year-to-date financials as presented.
- **Review of Notable Payables**
  - Purchase of cubbies for the bay. Although not budgeted for, money was moved from another category.

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

- **Wildland Specialist Lt. Dorie Dalton's Report**
  - Training with the Mile High Youth Corps will be Monday and Tuesday of next week. They will work on a project in Chimney Creek.
  - Dorie and Peter Greenstone participated in a chainsaw class.
  - FireAside: It is in use with assessments scheduled.
  - Chipper Days program was used for the Genesee Foundation slash pickup. There were 126 reservations. The total amount of slash was not recorded. Chipper Days will be used again for the GFR slash dropoff, which will be run similar to last year.
  - Dorie will be at the Evacuation workshop in Evergreen this weekend.
  - NextDoor had a video highlighting the partnership between GFR, Foothills Fire and Genesee Foundation to do mitigation work.
- **Administrator/Training Coordinator Max Herte's Report:**
  - Many courses are being offered with GFR volunteers enrolled.
  - ESO (new reporting software) partial roll-out.

- Max took a Safety Officer training course. The goal is for all captains and chiefs to take it.
- **Deputy Chief Joe Auster's Report**
  - 162 calls and year to date, with good response times and personnel.
  - **Apparatus**
    - UL testing on 71 found some corrosion in the ladder, which was repaired (cost \$3800).
  - **Recruiting:**
    - We have one recruit and another in the vetting process.
  - **Facilities (Bob Dalton):**
    - The work in the bay is complete.
    - Mowing the grass has begun.
    - Planning for work to complete 0-5 ft vegetation free around the building.
  - **Medical:**
    - Trainings continue.
  - **Wildland (Peter Greenstone):**
    - GFR has 2 qualified engine bosses. Many firefighters have task books open.
    - Peter will work on document that outlines the procedure for deciding whether to accept an out-of-district assignment and how people are selected to go on the assignment.
  - **Branding:** work continues. There will be a presentation at the next Board meeting.
  - **Mental Health:**
    - Continuing presence and reminders of the resources available.
  - **Auxiliary:**
    - Next event will be the July 4 parade. Neil Frame will lead the parade.
  - **Community Liaison:**
    - Autism trainings are continuing and are very well received.

## Old Business

- **Access Route Update (Will Quimby)**
  - The engineering on the final route is complete.
  - The County is in the process of review, with Luke from Baseline answering questions.
  - Will does not expect any problems with approvals.

## New Business:

- **Year to Date Review and Future Challenges (Jason Puffett)**
  - Former Chief Puffett reviewed the accomplishments under his tenure, projects completed in 2024 and waiting to be completed.
  - Future challenges include inflation, especially for new equipment purchase, the SEAR election, and Board turnover in May.
  - A copy of his notes will be appended to the minutes.

The Board adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 19:29. It returned to the public meeting at 21:09.

## Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 21:09.