

*MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

*Meeting Time/Date: 0900 Hours July 27, 2023*

*Meeting Location: Greer Fire District Station 2, 38974 SR 373*

*I. CALL TO ORDER*

*Lee Smith, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 0907 hours.*

*II. ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS*

*Attendees: Chief Wade. Board Members Smith, Shumway, Merrill and Diepstraten. Absent: Tilford. Fire Fighter Irons and Saxton.*

*III. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES None.*

- Website Report: Gina Irons is keeping up to date.*

*IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC None.*

*V. CONSENT AGENDA*

- A.) Minutes: June 22, 2023. Correction section d) should be fiscal not physical.*

*B.) Chief's Report: As per board package.*

*Chief was please to announce that Fire Fighter Saxton had successfully passed all the requirement and is certified as a Paramedic.*

*C.) Chairman's Report: The family members of Jimmy Emerson during the celebration of his live were very touched by Captain Orona when he stated how much Jimmy did for the GFD while serving as Board Member. Our GFD firefighters are very caring about people and we appreciate his kindness and sensitivity.*

*D.) Financial Report: Viewed and questioned as needed. As per board package.*

*We were presented with the closing financial of fiscal 2022-2023 and opening of the new financial for fiscal 2023-2024. This fiscal year we will conserve our wildfire payment and not spend it if all possible to build up our reserve fund.*

*E.) Committee reports: None, but need to schedule a meeting for GFD pension fund and looking for a replacement for Mike Baxter as "member at large" due to his unfortunate passing.*

*F.) Correspondence received since last meeting: None*

*\*\* Consent Agenda approval:*

*Motion by Diepstraten and Seconded by Merrill. Unanimous with 1 absent.*

*Account Balances 07/01/2023*

<i>General Fund 10-1010 Apache County Treasurer</i>	<i>-\$11,264.55</i>
<i>10-1015 Payroll National Bank of Arizona</i>	<i>\$4,137.90</i>
<i>10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of Arizona</i>	<i>\$218,912.82</i>
<b><i>General Fund Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$211,786.17</i></b>

<b><i>Greer Fire District Auxiliary</i></b>	<b><i>\$14,847.25</i></b>
<i>Greer Fire District Pension</i>	<i>\$57,396.59</i>
<i>Bellinger Springs Water Users</i>	<i>\$2,988.55</i>

*VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CALENDAR*

*A.) Personnel Issues- Chief Wade*

- Review possible action: The annual chief evaluation was not ready due to a busy year but is working on the evaluation.*

*B.) Hiring Candidates: GFD received 3 applications.*

- 1. Dave Loftquest from Greer as Volunteer firefighter*
- 2. Brian Tate from Linden is paramedic as reserve firefighter*
- 3. Kim Hurtado from Round Valley as reserve firefighter*

*C.) Auxiliary Activities: No new.*

*After discussing the possibility of GFD missing out of getting bigger donations because the GFD Auxiliary does not have its own 501(c)(3) (IRS tax-exempt nonprofit organization) even though technically we really are tax-exempt. To put our possible large donors at ease Merrill introduced a motion to start the application and making the Auxiliary a A 501(c)(3). Seconded by Diepstraten. Unanimous. 1 Absent.*

*D.) Standard Operating and Administrative Procedures: No new*

*VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Travis: What is the status of our tender on order. Chief Wade:*

*Looks like the chassis will be ready and hopefully delivered to Alexis around 1st of August and will prioritize the production of our new truck. We may need to get a loan to pay portions of the tender and will get reimbursed by grant. Chief had a call out to person in charge of the grant and hopefully they will pay the partial payments instead of GFD getting a loan. More information to come.*

*VIII. Next Scheduled GFD Board meeting: Thursday August 14, 2023 at 0900 Fire Station #2.*

*IX. ADJOURNMENT: Lee Smith, Chairman of the Board, adjourned meeting at 1014 hours.*

*Minutes submitted by Ted Diepstraten, Clerk of the Board.*

*Board members:*

*Lee Smith, Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_

*Ted Diepstraten* \_\_\_\_\_

*Nick Shumway* \_\_\_\_\_

*Travis Merrill* \_\_\_\_\_

*Irene Tilford* \_\_\_\_\_