

NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT911

Regular Meeting

DATE: May 15, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 1500 Railroad Avenue – North Gilliam County Fire Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Rucker
Jerry Gabbey
Skye Krebs
Kolten Boethin

NOT PRESENT: Victor Rolfe

OTHERS PRESENT Jodi Claughton – Executive Secretary
Joe Claughton – Fire Chief

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Rucker which was seconded by Jerry Gabbey to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Budget Committee and Regular meeting. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report

The burn ban will go in effect on June 1, 2023

The SCBA Compressor should be installed by mid-July

Gene Sheppard is currently taking classes to become a Fire Investigator

5 cases of road flares were purchased

All apparatus numbers will be updated to coordinate with the state coding system

Spoke with Public Works Superintendent Shanna Gronquist on the upkeep of the fire road and weed abatement at the gun club

After attending a meeting at the Montague Solar farm Joe has been receiving all requested information on their fire plan

Gilliam County Fire Services Coordinator Report

- Update training files to meet state standards (nothing was done for years)

- Certify firefighters through DPSST this was never done only firefighters that were certified in any discipline came from outside agencies. *(Laci and Kevin were the only FF certified through the state from Gilliam Agencies)*

- Bringing new trainings to the district through DPSST with Hands on Props

- Currently 9 state certified Structural FF, 3 awaiting state certifications
 - Everyone in the county has minimum wildland cert now and working toward higher certifications.

- Sending FF outside district to new trainings 6 FF have taken advantage of these opportunities

- Acquired New apparatus for both districts, new structure engine for North (Purchased), Tender for South through OSFM(Grant), working on adding newer Rescue for South and Tender for North.

- Rebuilt the relationship with OSFM, OSFM looking at using the Arlington area for possible Prepositioning of Resources during a weather even.

- Obtained OSFM Summer Staffing grants for both district in the amount of \$35,000 each for last summer. Prepping for this year's summer staffing grant. 2023 summer awarded

- GCFS obtained Strategic investment from OSFM to contract for a Fire Resiliency Coordinator to work with the CWPP and Hazard Mitigation Plan. Grant applied for to continue position for 2 additional years. This grant was awarded

- Closed out South AFG grant that was left a mess.

- Worked on getting the radio frequencies installed needed to have interoperability with Morrow and Umatilla Fire units. Plan in place for Comms. We have all of Morrow and Umatilla County Channels. Morrow has ours and Umatilla has a interop channel we can use when they assist Gilliam.
- Working on Updating Mutual Aid MOU Agreements with BLM as this was very outdated. (Still active but needs updated) (fall time 2023)
- Maintaining budget and working to better GCFS budget
- Assisted in moving north forward on purchasing a SCBA fill station to become more NFPA compliant.
- Active 977 will work with the new CAD system

Unfinished Business

New Business

A motion was made by Jim Rucker which was seconded by Jerry Gabbey to contribute an additional \$20,000 to Gilliam County Fire Services for salary only for the Fire Services Coordinator. Motion carried

Financial Report and Bills

A motion was made by Jim Rucker which was seconded by Jerry Gabbey to approve the bills as presented.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Skye Krebs – Board Chairman

Jodi Claughton – Executive Secretary