

**SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NO. VI-301
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

DATE: January 14, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: South Gilliam County Emergency Services Building
PRESENT: Jeff Schott – President
Doug Potter – Member
Roger Lyda – Vice-President

A quorum of the board was established.

Excused: Jeff Kersey
Eric Harrison

Greg Smith – Fire Chief
Laci Olsen – Fire Services Coordinator
Shannon Coppock – Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Roger Lyda to approve the December 2020 minutes as mailed. Doug Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials: Roger Lyda made a motion to accept the financial reports for the 2020-2021 fiscal year through January 14, 2021 for South Gilliam County RFPD and Gilliam County Fire Services as presented. Doug Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lonerock Building: Will get paperwork completed and with a closing date of February 15, 2021.
2. IGA: The board, by consensus, decided they just want to amend the current agreement for contribution amounts.

New Business: NA

Miscellaneous:

Fire Chief's Report:

1. We have had three calls since our last meeting. Summit Springs had a water flow alarm. There was a structure fire on Saturday, January 9th. The third call was for a planter fire outside of the Round-Up that was smoldering.
2. Greg talked to the board about the retired Brush 2. The board determined they only wanted him to take the pump and tank off of the truck and we will sell it. The board agreed by consensus to ask \$1,500.00 for it.
3. The parts from the Humvee and the 1078 will be stored in the building at Mayville.
4. Greg got Brush 1 into Bennett's to have them look at the alignment and have them balance the tires.

Fire Services Coordinator Report:

1. Calls

We have two calls since our December meeting. On December 21, 2020 we had a fire outside of the Round Up in an old planter that people were using for cigarette butts. On January 9, 2021, we had a structure fire on A Street. The fire started inside the wall and spread outside to a wood pile and the porch overhang. A window was broken when water sprayed it but no interior damage overall. The home owner was advised that his electrical in his home had many concerns and many potential fire hazards including full power strips plugged in to other power strips throughout the home and loose outlets, exposed and taped wiring etc. No breakers tripped in the home which is also a major concern of ours.

In 2020 South Gilliam Volunteers responded to 27 calls which is slightly less than a typical year.

19 Outside fires including authorized burns that were not called in
3 Structure fires including an Agency Assist to North Gilliam for the fire at Waste
1 motor home fire
2 Vehicle crashes
2 Ambulance assists

2. Current Training

Through December, we continued to work on Fire Behavior training which included burning a Palmers house (a four foot house made of OSB and divided into 4 compartments with doors). This house was made to show the effects of ventilation on a structure and how fire progresses. We were able to see some back drafts (smoke explosions) and a flashover. The wind kicked up right as we started training and it didn't take long before we saw how much the wind effects and increases fire behavior!

In January we spent some more time watching the "Art of Reading Smoke" and dug a little deeper into fire behavior and the differences in fire conditions that we might see.

The last two weeks of training we have worked on our turnout drills- even one of our newest members got their full turn out time and SCBA on and on air in 2 min! Very impressive! We then moved into hose deploying and Hose loading. It can be quite tricky to get a hose pulled and not tangled in a tight space. We worked on some techniques to help this. Last night we worked on Hose handling techniques and taking a hydrant. We also had a discussion about the Structure fire last weekend.

3. Resources

I submitted the grant for SCBA bottles through Brothers Helping Brothers, and I am currently working on the AFG grant in hopes I can get a grant for NEW SCBAs and bottles! The deadline is early February so this will be my primary focus the next couple weeks.

4. Policy

Vehicle Maintenance Policy is finished and ready for approval

5. Volunteers

Chief Smith was voted the Firefighter of the year 2020 by the volunteer firefighters.

In 2020 Emmet Seeley reached his 15-year mark as a volunteer, Trevor Waugh 5 years and Laura Weddle 5 years!

Every month I will be highlighting on of our volunteers on our Facebook page. I think it would be a good way to interact with the public and introduce our volunteers and a little bit about them and why they became a volunteer!

6. North Central Public health came out January 7 and did a vaccine clinic. 5 of our Volunteers got the COVID vaccine and will receive their second dose on February 4.
7. I put together a website for the fire district. This will include a tab for minutes and agendas for the fire district and fire services. My hope is to give a place to showcase our volunteers, give access to the application and volunteer process many departments have been successful in getting new volunteers through their website. The cost is \$18 per year and just the time for me to keep it updated. This is also an additional place to put fire safety tips and the burn ban information.
8. Doug Potter made a motion to accept the Vehicle Maintenance Standard Operating Guidelines 2.3. Roger Lyda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Secretary:

1. Financials: The financial review has been completed and we have copies of the review back.

2. A supplemental budget will have to be prepared after the sale of the building at Lonerock.

Director comments: No comments

The meeting adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING**

Jeff Schott – Board President

Shannon Coppock – Executive Secretary