



## GRAND TRAVERSE RURAL FIRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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*March 18, 2015  
Regular Meeting*

*Chairman Tim Trudell Vice-Chair Doug Mansfield Treasurer Karen Rosa*

*Members: Fife Lake -Linda Forwerck, Grant - Doug Moyer, Green Lake- Paul Biondo, Long Lake - Karen Rosa, Paradise- Tim Trudell, Springfield- Tom Gray Union- Doug Mansfield, Whitewater- Ron Popp*

- I. Roll Call** – Fife Lake-Present, Grant-Absent & Excused, Green Lake-Present, Long Lake – Present, Paradise- Present, Springfield- Present Union- Present, Whitewater- Absent & Excused.

**Guest:** One (1)

## **II. Consent Calendar**

- a. Minutes- The Board approves the minutes of Grand Traverse Rural Fire Board February 18, 2015 meeting.
- b. Payroll – The Board approves February 26, 2015 payroll # 5 in the amount of \$14,900.23 and Payroll #6 in the amount of \$18,427.48 for March 12, 2015.
- c. Accounts Payable – The Board approves Pre-authorized claims for March 4, 2015 in the amount of \$2,607.00 and vendors payable for March 18, 2015 in the amount of \$63,796.13
- d. Reports and Communications –The Board directs the staff to receive, file and respond to communications as necessary. (Financial, Chief's, RTC, Attorney)

Chairman asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion made by Long Lake to approve consent calendar. Seconded by Union.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

YEAS: Fife Lake, Green Lake, Long Lake, Paradise, Springfield, Union.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Grant, Whitewater

### **III. Public Comment**

- a. Reserved  
No public comment was offered at this time.

### **IV. Unfinished Business**


- a. Rural By-laws  
By-laws were located and reviewed, need updating. The Departments Attorney (Jim Young) was contacted to see if there was another set of by-laws. An inquiry was made to the Department Attorney, if we need a set of by-laws and the Attorney related, not necessarily our inter-governmental agreement is our by-laws. Maybe in the future in the strategic plan if we wanted a set of by-laws that would be the time to concede.
- b. Strategic Planning Session  
Discussion took place regarding the strategic plan to provide everyone a solid direction. Forty-five minutes will be taken to build the basic structure, the SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats) analysis was presented. For the record the Captains of the stations have been invited to participate and none have showed up.

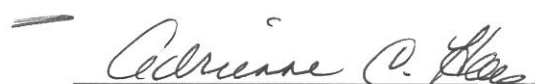
### **V. New Business**

- a. Blair Township Automatic Aid Agreement  
When Blair left Rural the box cards were never changed. Blair has been charging Rural for any responses to Rural. Rural has been charging any responses to Blair. Chief Carrol is presenting information to the Blair Township Board to eliminate these charges. Chief Weber would like that same support here. Motion made to authorize the Chairman to negotiate with Blair Township Supervisor to eliminate cost associated with Blair Townships Mutual Aid & Auto Agreement.
- b. MEMAC/MABAS  
Short discussion took place regarding Michigan Emergency Management Agency (M.E.M.A.C.) which allows calling for assistance in a disaster at a State response level.  
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (M.A.B.A.S.) allows receiving or giving assistance at a Regional level. A resolution is needed to continue with this. A resolution will be drafted for next meeting.

### **VI. Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Union and duly seconded by Paradise, the Board adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

  
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Chairman- Trudell, Timothy

  
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Secretary- Adrienne C. Haas

**Next Meeting April 15, 2015**