



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

1) The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Al Fiori leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) Directors in Attendance:

Al Fiori	Joe Petersen
Mike Doyle	Steve Petrucci
Charlie Lachman	Domenic Carinalli

Directors Absent: Robert Gloeckner

3) Public Input – none

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the March 1, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Lachman to approve the March 1, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

5) Correspondence – The FASIS Board election ballot arrived after the package had been assembled. The ballot calls for selection of 4 nominees for 4 seats to the FASIS Board term 7/1/17-6/30/20. A discussion ensued.

Director Petrucci made a motion to vote for the three incumbents and the nominee from Southern Marin Fire Protection District for the FASIS Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

6) Approval of the March 2017 Revenues and Expenses: The revenues and expenses for the month of March were reviewed and discussed. March 2017 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Carinalli made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Lachman and passed unanimously.

Expense Report #2016/17-10 was reviewed. Director Petrucci made a motion to pay expenses #109 through #122 totaling \$62,064.69. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.

8) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich reported that all of the oil samples have returned, the only one needing to be changed is 8161. 8182 was outside of the warranty for the air intake problem and cost \$2,700. 8191 has had an upgraded alternator installed and there should be a \$500 core credit.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that the drilling project at Station 2 is complete and we are now just waiting for the electrician to run the wire.

Personnel – Chief George reported that there are two new volunteers in the self paced program

General Information – None.

Financial Report – Chief George reported that the April tax revenue should be deposited sometime between the 17th and 20th. The Budget Committee needs to meet at the end of April to prepare the preliminary budget. They will be looking at options for paying down more long term debt.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that cars have been dropped off at Station 1 for training exercises. The burn house on Walker Rd needs to be cleaned up before training burn is conducted.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that things are status quo for now with local business inspections under way and binders being updated. It has been relatively quiet with burn permits this year.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs reported that the Apple Blossom Parade is April 22nd this year and she completed the application for us to participate.

Explorer Post – Nothing to report.

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

A. Review Financing Options for Solar Panels at Station 1 & Station 2:

Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary gave the Board a re-cap of the discussion from the March Board Meeting regarding installation of solar panels at Station 1 & 2. The decision was made to install panels on the roof of Station 2 and ground mount at Station 1. After looking at different financing options, Government Capital Corporation came in with the best terms. The options were as follows to borrow \$170,000:

Term:	5 annual payments	7 annual payments
Interest:	4.24%	4.59%
Payment:	\$37,671.25	\$28,316.28

In order for the District to be grandfathered into the current PG&E peak hour schedule of 1:00-5:00 pm, the panels must be installed and functioning before 7/31/17. For solar customers who do not meet this deadline, the PG&E peak hours will shift to 3:00-7:00 pm which is less than ideal. With all things remaining constant, the District can expect to save \$98,000 over 20 years. In order to obtain financing and install panels by the deadline, a decision needs to be made tonight. The first payment will be due within 5 months of signing the loan documents. A lengthy discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Director Lachman to proceed with building and installing solar panels on Station 1 and Station 2 and accept the terms of 7 year/4.59% financing with Government Capital Corporation. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Al Fiori- Aye

Charlie Lachman- Aye

Joe Petersen- Aye

Vernon Doyle- Aye

Steve Petrucci- Aye

Robert Gloeckner- Absent

Domenic Carinalli- Abstain

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10) Good of the Order: Supervisor Rabbitt will speak at the April 27th SCFDA meeting. If you would like to attend, please let Jennifer know.

11) Adjournment: There being no further business, Director Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Crayne

Al Fiori, Chair

Vernon Doyle, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Steve Petrucci, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Domenic Carinalli

Date Approved