



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George

Fire Chief

January 4, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

1) The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 1. 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	Robert Gloeckner
Domenic Carinalli	Steve Petrucci
Charlie Lachman	

Directors Absent: None

3) Public Input – none

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Director Gloeckner made a motion to approve the December 5, 2016 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

5) Correspondence – The Board reviewed correspondence from FAIRA asking for nominations to the Board of Directors for the 2017/18 term. The Board agreed more research into the candidates should be done before making a nomination. The FAIRA nominations will be tabled until the February meeting.

6) Approval of the December 2016 Revenues and Expenses

The revenues and expenses for the month of December were reviewed and discussed.

December Bank Register was reviewed. Director Lachman made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed in the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli, and passed unanimously.

Expense Report #2016/17-07 was reviewed. Director Gloeckner made a motion to pay expenses #68 through #81 totaling \$275,894.82. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

8) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Andy Pforsich reported that the three generators were serviced resulting in the battery needing to be replaced on the Station 1 generator. 8182 is waiting for a radiator repair. Oils samples will go in next month.

Building Maintenance – Fire Chief Dan George reported that electrical work was done at Station 2 with 26 plugs replaced. The LED bulbs would not work in the turn out room and therefore had to be re-wired. Jon Heaton is working on a grant based solar project with PG&E. They are looking at grants that pay for solar energy upgrades, such as, solar panels on covered parking.

Personnel – Chief George reported that four new interns have come to the District out of SRJC. On Tuesday, January 3rd, candidates were interviewed for the open A Shift Battalion Chief position. Shepley Schroth-Cary was offered the position and will begin January 22nd.

General Information – None.

Financial Report – Fire Chief Dan George reported that the District is in a good financial position. The December tax revenue has been deposited and strike team reimbursements continue to come in. We ended up not needing to use the line of credit for dry period funding. The District was able to pay off a large loan for \$238, 544 using prior year revenue.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that the training schedule for 2017 is set. In April there will be a training held at the Rohnert Park Training Center for Engine Boss.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that things have slowed down and there was a lower number of burn permit calls this year.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow and joint association dinner next week.

Explorer Post – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that there are now ten Explorers in the program.

8) Old Business:

Fire Chief George presented the Board with a memo and a cost sheet outlining a proposal for a severance package coinciding with his retirement (see attachment A). He asked the Board to consider paying for two years of his health care at the Blue Shield single rate plus dental and vision for himself and spouse. The cost to the District would be \$11,000 annually. The salary difference between the newly hired BC and the Chief's former salary results in a savings of 60,000 per year, therefore payment of the Chief's benefits still results in a net savings to the District.

A motion was made by Director Lachman approving a severance package for the Fire Chief which provides for the District to pay the Fire Chief's medical benefits at the single rate plus dental and vision for him and his spouse for the next two years. The motion was seconded by Director Gloeckner and passed unanimously.

9) New Business:

A. Election of Board Officers for 2017:

Director Gloeckner made a motion to nominate Al Fiori as 2017 Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously. Director Fiori accepted his nomination as Chair for 2017.

Director Lachman made a motion to nominate Bob Gloeckner as 2017 Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously. Director Gloeckner accepted his nomination as Secretary for 2017.

B. Purchase of a new Type 3 engine:

Assistant Chief Pforsich reported that the motor in the new type 3 engine ordered for Bennett Valley is not the best fit for their needs. The decision was made to wait for the new motor to be available and pay the \$4,000 up-charge. Rosenbauer honored the same bid price for Gold Ridge and a multi engine order results in a \$3,700 discount. The new type 3 should arrive in November 2017 with the first payment due July 2018. The Board needs to decide whether or not to piggy back with the Bennett Valley order.

A motion was made by Director Petrucci to place a piggy back order with Bennett Valley Fire for a new Type 3 Engine. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 16/17-05: amending the FY 2016/17 final budget to reflect the use of the 7/1/16 fund balance to pay down long term debt.

Chief George and Admin Manager Crayne explained that they had consulted with the auditor regarding how best to show use of prior year revenue to pay down long term debt. Resolution 16/17-05 reflects the amendment made to the FY 16/17 final budget in expense categories 7910 and 7930. A total of \$238,545 was used to pay off the consolidated loan.

A motion was made by Director Carinalli to approve Resolution 2016/17-05 amending the final budget for FY 2016/17 in order to use prior year revenues to pay down long term debt in the amount of \$238,545. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Chair Fiori: aye Director Carinalli: aye Director Petrucci: aye Director Doyle: aye
Director Gloeckner: aye Director Petersen: aye Director Lachman: aye

10) Good of the Order:

The Board presented outgoing Board Member, Ron Balzer with an appreciation plaque thanking him for 28 years of service to the District (1988-2016).

11) Adjournment: There being no further business, Director Gloeckner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Crayne

Al Fiori, Chair

Vernon Doyle, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Steve Petrucci, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Robert Gloeckner, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Date Approved