



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

October 3, 2018 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 Robert Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) **Directors in Attendance:**

Domenic Carinalli	Mike Doyle
Steve Petrucci	Robert Gloeckner
Charlie Lachman	Joe Petersen
Christopher Tachouet	

Directors Absent: None

3) **Public Input:** None

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the September 3, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Carinalli to approve the September 3, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence** – Chief George mentioned that the Sonoma County Fire District Association meeting will be held on the 25th of October at Forestville Fire. The Agenda will be sent our shortly.

6) Approval of the September 2018 Revenues and Expenses:

The revenues and expenses for the month of September were reviewed and discussed. September 2018 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Petrucci made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously. Director Tachouet questioned the four (4) tires that were purchased on the new B81, and wanted to know if we will be able to re-coop some of the money. Chief George stated we might be able to re-coop \$100 to \$200.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich reported that 8193 is back from Burton's and they did a great job. 8163 is being worked on by Burton's and Assistant Chief Pforsich will follow up with Burton's on the status. Director Tachouet inquired about the status of 8192. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated he will need to follow up with Gary. Director Gloeckner asked if 8161 was still under warranty, and Assistant Chief Pforsich stated "no" as it has been over two (2) years. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned that the new pick up (B81) has arrived and is currently with CPS doing some installation.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that he met with the flooring company. After reviewing a few different samples one has been picked and the flooring should be installed by the next board meeting. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary is still working on the roof next door as well as painting. He is in the process of getting some estimates for the roof and paint.

Chief George mentioned he spoke with the Paul Smith (next to Station 2) and Mr. Smith wanted to know if we were going to grant him access to the parking lot.

Director Gloeckner asked about the fence for Mr. Smith. Chief George stated he will speak with Mr. Smith about the two (2) items.

Personnel – Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned that last month there were four (4) applicants for the open position, though at this time there have been no interviews. Battalion Chief Schipper would like to make some changes to the salary as well as the policy which would include some flexibility. Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned they would be testing by the end of the month. Director Gloeckner wanted to know if we changed our selection criteria, would that help. Battalion Chief Schipper stated "no", he didn't think that would matter.

General Information – Chief George mentioned that Al Fiori's party will be held on November 17th (Saturday) at 4:00 p.m., at Station 2. A Flyer for the event will be sent out shortly. Chief George mentioned that at the next LAFCO meeting, they will be discussing the closure of Palm Drive hospital if anyone is interested. Chief George will follow up on the actual date.

Financial Report – Chief George mentioned that the finances are looking good. Chief George stated that Gold Ridge Fire received the \$12,500.00 for recruitment and retention from the County. The County has provided \$100,000 for this program. Gold Ridge Fire, Sebastopol Fire, Graton Fire and Bodega Bay will receive \$12,500.00 each for a total of \$50,000.00 of the \$100,000.

The VFC's that have no Stipend or Sleeper programs would receive the remaining \$50,000 to split. This money should help get their programs started. Chief George mentioned we are still waiting for the money to come in from the ABH, which is around \$26,000. Discussion Ensued

Chief George mentioned that he received a letter today from the Sonoma County Auditors in regards to being reimbursed from the state for the backfill from the October fires. A letter has been sent to the state requesting reimbursement.

Discussion Ensued.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that the fire fighters have been working on Firefighter Safety and Survival training. Also, this month we will be working on medical training, along with an ambulance from AMR. Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned they will be doing Hazmat training as well.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned that he received some information from the County in regards to Cannabis growing operations in the district. Discussion Ensued

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs mentioned there is an association dinner tomorrow night.

Chief George mentioned that Sonoma Valley Fire has requested to attend the November association dinner and would like to do a presentation to the district.

Explorer Post – Nothing to report.

8) Old Business: County Services update – Action Item: Chief George stated that he would like to note that this should read “negotiate” contract. Chief George mentioned that Lynda Hopkins is very active in the county and is one of our biggest activists. She would like to see more consolidation within the districts. Lynda Hopkins currently has 22 fire entities in her district. The county is pushing districts to do something sooner than later and if you want money from the county you need to start thinking about consolidation as they want to see some movement within the districts.

Discussion ensued.

Chief George mentioned that the Fire Advisory Committee will be disbanded and there is new group called the Strategic Leadership Group. Chief George will provide some documentation, so everyone can see what the group has been doing.

Chief George mentioned there are a few items proposed that they are looking at in regards to consolidation and funding:

- Increase Full-Time Staffing, Administrative Support, and Services and Supplies
- Station Improvements and Equipment replacement
- Maintain level of Service
- VFC'S

Chief George mentioned that there are 11 VFC's that need to find a home.

Mayacamas is working with Sonoma Valley, Mountain is working with Rincon Valley and Windsor, Knights Valley is working with Geyserville, Fort Ross is working with Timber Cove and Cazadero, and Camp Meeker is looking for someone to work with.

Chief George states that Jim Colangelo is going forward with presenting the Silver Plan which includes 3/0 staffing and will increase countywide fire service costs by . Gold Ridge would need to hire and staff the stations if the county decides to pay. This could only happen if the county pays to increase our staffing.

Chief George mentioned that Jim Colangelo would like to get the money tied up, so he could get some staffing and hoping to have a plan they can bring to the BOS at the end of October.

- Initiate an equipment replacement program
- Maintain level of service and
- Bring up the staffing levels for the VFC's

Chief George mentioned that we need to sit down with the county and negotiate the services that need to be provided. There have been trust issues in the past with the county, and we will need to get the money tied up for a long term before going forward. Director Carinalli asked if there would be personnel managing those stations in question. Chief George stated there would be Battalion Chief staffed, though we will need to hire a full time Fire Chief. Chief George mentioned he would stay around for about 1 year. He would need to be compensated for his work in that time frame, though per CalPERS he can only work up to 960 hours. Director Tachouet inquired about the length of the contract with the county. Chief George stated he was not sure but the county is very committed to seeing this happen.

Director Gloeckner mentioned he was concerned about the county backing out. Chief George mentioned again the county is committed to seeing this happen and understands the Boards concerns. Director Gloeckner mentioned that we haven't talked about facilities for the VFC's. Chief George mentioned we are not responsible for the other facilities. Discussion Ensued

Director Petersen wanted to point out that it looked like we are going in the right direction and need to look into this consolidation.

Director Tachouet made a motion to approve Chief George to continue negotiations with North Bay Fire Authority (VFC's). The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.

9) New Business: Salary Increase for Engineers Level 1: Chief George provided updated salary schedule to the board. This salary schedule is for the Engineer Level I position at station 2. Chief George and Battalion Chief Schipper have put some numbers together to increase the salary to bring it more into range. Battalion Chief Schipper also noted that they would like to increase the part time firefighter position from \$12.03 an hour to \$13.00, as it is very difficult to find someone to work at \$12.00.
Discussion Ensued

Director Petersen made a motion to approve the Salary Increase for the Engineer, and the Firefighters as of September 1st 2018. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

10) **Good of the Order:** None

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Carinalli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero

Robert Gloeckner, Chair

Steve Petrucci, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Christopher Tachouet, Director

Mike Doyle, Director

Date Approved