



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

February 6, 2019 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) **Roll Call of Directors:**

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

Directors Absent: None

3) **Public Input:** None

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the January 2, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Petersen to approve the January 2, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence** – Chief George mentioned that he has spoken to Mr. Smith next door to station 2 in regards to parking, and a letter has been sent to our attorney for review. Our attorney will draft a letter in response. Director Gloeckner stated he would like the board to review the draft before it is sent. He would also like to see that the issue regarding the fence is addressed.

Discussion ensued

6) Approval of the January 2019 Revenues and Expenses:

The revenues and expenses for the month of January were reviewed and discussed. January 2019 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Tachouet made a motion to

approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

Director Gloeckner inquired about the Strike Team money. Chief George mentioned that we have received roughly \$235,000 and there is still around \$155,000 outstanding.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich stated that 8182's inverter was repaired, 8161 has a fuel leak and is going in for service. No other items are outstanding at this time. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated that the generator at station 3 was having some issues and they have been resolved. Director Tachouet mentioned that the battery back up at station 3 is not working properly. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated that this was due to the generator issue. Director Tachouet mentioned that it is very hard to raise the garage door manually. Chief George stated this is the first he has heard of this, and he will have Jones garage doors take a look at it as it may be off balance.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned that one of the garage doors at station 2 was damaged and will need to be repaired. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated he did an inspection of the property next to station 1 and it was not as bad as he feared. There are a few minor items that need to be repaired. The carpet will need to be replaced and it will need to be painted inside. Chief George stated there are a few things that need to be done. One being inspections and to make sure the home is in livable conditions. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated they have made some improvements on the property outside, though he will need to stay on top of it. Director Tachouet stated that all of this should be documented. Chief George stated it will be documented. Director Gloeckner stated that the outside needs to be cleaned up.

Discussion Ensued

Personnel – Battalion Schroth-Cary mentioned that we have had 4 new interns and possibly looking at a fifth one.

General Information – None

Financial Report – Chief George mentioned that we have received our tax payment, ABH payment and some of our strike team money. The finances are looking good at this time.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned that they are keeping up with the monthly training and are in the process of setting up some annual training.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli is in the process of setting up the mandatory inspections. We have also put a form into place for the mom and pop stores to use for inspections.

Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned that we have provided the state with our annual year end run reports for 2018.

Chief George asked Director Tachouet about James Williams speaking at the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association meeting. Director Tachouet mentioned that Mr. Williams talked about utilizing local agencies to do inspections and stressed the importance of educating the public. Director Petersen asked if there were any other agencies involved. Chief George states “yes”. Some of the fire districts are involved along with Cal Fire.

Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned that fire prevention through the county will be handled by PRMD.

Discussion Ensued

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs mentioned that they have spent roughly \$19,000 from their windfall account and have around \$7,000 more to spend.

Chief George noted that Lieutenant Irons will be having a meeting tomorrow night to discuss the Polenta Feed.

Explorer Post – Lieutenant Harlan mentioned that the explorers are getting ready for the academy in Novato.

8) Old Business:

- **Update on County Fires Services:** Chief George gave a brief update on the Board of Supervisors meeting last month and stated it did not go well. He will be meeting with the Strategic Leadership Group to see where we go from here. They will provide more information per the request of the Board of Supervisors and present it again on the 12th of March.

Chief George mentioned that the Local Union sent a letter to the volunteer companies scheduling a meeting for the 22nd of February. Director Gloeckner asked if there was any feedback from the Volunteers.

Discussion Ensued

- **Update on Long Range Planning Committee:** Chief George stated the committee met and are looking at a few options:
 - **Special/Parcel Tax** – Reach out to Herb Williams
 - **Raising our current salaries** – possible salary increase of 3%
 - **County proposal**

Discussion Ensued

Chief George mentioned we need to work on getting the newsletter out. He will speak with Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary and Janney Kovacs.

9) New Business:

A. Election of Board Officers for 2019:

Director Lachman made a motion to nominate Robert Gloeckner as 2019 Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously. Director Gloeckner accepted his nomination as Chairman of the Board for 2019.

Director Lachman made a motion to nominate Dominic Carinalli as 2019 Board Secretary/Clerk. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously. Director Carinalli accepted his nomination as Board Secretary/Clerk for 2019.

B. Bennett Valley Fire Protection Districts notice to terminate MOU with Gold Ridge Fire Protection District:

Chief George stated that Bennett Valley Fire Protection District has sent a letter to Gold Ridge Fire Protection District stated they are terminating the memorandum of understanding. Chief George mentioned that the Board President with Bennett Valley Fire stated he would like to terminate the MOU when Bennett Valley Fire is annexed to Sonoma County Fire District on April 3rd, and if Gold Ridge FPD would only charge them for the three days of April and not for the whole 4th quarter left on the agreement. Chief George stated this is a board decision. Director Carinalli mentioned that Gold Ridge FPD has already budgeted for this income and is expecting Bennett Valley FPD to full fill their agreement. Director Petersen asked if we are required to do anything after Bennett Valley FPD is annexed. Chief George stated “no”. Director Gloeckner pointed out that Gold Ridge Fire Protection District has lived up to their term of the agreement. Chief George recommended that Director Gloeckner reach out to Board President Arnie Tognozzi at Bennett Valley Fire Protection District.

Director Petersen asked about the breakdown in services we provided. Chief George and Battalion Chief DeCarli stated that they were provided to Bennett Valley Fire Protection District. All board members are in agreement with Director Gloeckner reaching out to the Board President at Bennett Valley FPD in regards to terminating the MOU as of June 30, 2019.

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

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Carinalli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle 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