



## **GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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*Daniel J George, Fire Chief*

### **March 6, 2019 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 Steve Petrucci leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) **Roll Call of Directors:**

Mike Doyle	Steve Petrucci
Charlie Lachman	Joe Petersen
Christopher Tachouet	

Directors Absent: Robert Gloeckner and Domenic Carinalli

3) **Public Input:** Item 7 Update on Long Range Planning Committee moved ahead of general business

- **Parcel Tax – Herb Williams**

Herb Williams spoke in regards to passing a parcel tax:

- Stated firefighters usually have a 65.75% approval rating.
- Suggested that we should not go for a \$300 parcel tax.
  - \$200 he wasn't sure on though received several "yeses", but not enough to win.
- Talked about surveying and stats

Herb mentioned there is never going to be a better time than now, especially with your neighbors to go out to the voters. Herb provided the following document for review:

- Voter Profile for Gold Ridge Fire Protection District
  - (See attached handout)

Herb noted we should focus on the following:

- Focus on the seniors
- Work on the steady voters
- Work on the ones that go to the polls

Chief George asked if the handout was broken down by absentees, and Herb stated “yes”.

Herb stated he would like to do a survey for Gold Ridge Fire. Though before he does this the Firefighters association has to be on board, if not it will not work. The Fire Chief and Board Members need to be on board as well. He stated he will not do anything unless the Board Members and Chief agree and are on board with the survey. He also mentioned that social media is a great way to advertise. The more information we can get out the better. Herb stated the survey will cost around \$12,000. We would need to provide \$6,000 upfront and \$6,000 when it is presented.

Chief George asked Herb Williams what his thoughts were for a doing this in November and if we had enough time. Herb Williams mentioned that we should pick a time that we are competing with as few people as possible.

Chief George asked Herb Williams if we went to the polls in November are there restrictions when we would need to have are paperwork done by? Herb stated he thought August 2019 to have it certified and needs to be passed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Herb mentioned there were several steps in order to get in on the November ballot, and that we should contact the County Registrar of Voters and get the time lines.

Herb stated we should do the survey sooner than later, and that the survey would have 10 questions at most.

Herb asked if there were any questions: Director Doyle “no”, Director Peterson “no” though I have other questions for the board, Director Tachouet “no”, Director Petrucci “no”, Director Lachman “no” though asked Chief George if the thought the firefighters union would have opposition. Chief George stated “no”.

Lastly Herb Williams wanted to mention that he has been a consultant with AMR for years and anything discussed with Gold Ridge Fire will not be shared with AMR. Chief George stated we don't have an ambulance and we are not in competition with AMR. Chief George stated he will set up a special meeting to vote on the survey this Saturday.

#### 4) **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

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

5) **Correspondence** – Lisa Guerrero mentioned we received a thank you letter from Butte County Fire Department regarding the Camp Fire. She also reminded everyone to make sure to complete their 700 form.

#### 6) **Approval of the February 2019 Revenues and Expenses:**

The revenues and expenses for the month of February were reviewed and discussed. February 2019 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Petersen made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Tachouet and passed unanimously.

#### 7) **Operations Reports:**

**Equipment Maintenance** – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned that 8141 had some repairs and 8192 has a door on order. Otherwise the rest of the fleet is up and running.

**Building Maintenance** – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned that the material for the garage door repair will be about \$800. Still outstanding is the track for the garage door.

**Personnel** – Battalion Chief Schipper stated that there are four (4) new interns that just started for a total of six (6).

**General Information** – Chief George mentioned that our agreement with Bennett Valley Fire will be finished on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of April. Leslie McCormick will not be going to Windsor to work. Steve Baxman with Monte Rio reached out to see if Gold Ridge could help out with some administration work.

**Financial Report** – Chief George mentioned that the finances are looking good, and we should be received our tax roll in April.

**Training** – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned last month that PG&E came in and did their power line and gas training. There was also a SIDS & Blood borne pathogen drill and the annual CPR training will be coming up soon.

**Fire Marshal's Report** – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned he did a few presentations in different neighborhoods on defensible space, ready set go, and evacuation routes and was well received by all. He mentioned it is burn season, though we have not got a ton of requests

**Firefighters Associations** – Janney Kovacs mentioned the joint meeting has been postponed to April.

**Explorer Post – Nothing to report**

#### 8) Old Business:

- **Update on County Fires Services:** Chief George provided an update on county service and noted it is changing daily and it's like a moving target. They will be going back to the Board of Supervisors on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. Chief George stated that the Board of Supervisors asked that we do not have two proposals presented. The group met on Monday and they are going to modify the proposal and present it to the Board of Supervisors. Director Petersen mentioned he spoke with Bodega Bay. Director Lachman inquired about what they had to say. Director Petersen mentioned he heard there was no contact with Bodega Bay, so he reached out to Liz Martin one of the board members. They had claimed we never contacted them, which was not accurate. Chief George stated that there is a lot of bad information out there along with a lot of frustration. Director Petersen said he met with Liz Martin and Steve Herzberg. The meeting was good and we are trying to keep the communication open. Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned he would send an email out to the VFC's in regards to the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Update on Long Range Planning Committee:** Chief George mentioned that the long range committee will try to meet on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the Parcel Tax information presented by Herb Williams.
  - **Parcel Tax – Herb Williams**  
Item moved to beginning of the agenda

9) **New Business: None**

10) **Good of the Order:** Director Gloeckner mentioned he spoke with Director Tognozzi at Bennett Valley Fire in regards to the Gold Ridge Fire's final payment. Director Tognozzi stated that Bennett Valley Fire will pay the last quarter payment to Gold Ridge Fire in full.

Director Petersen mentioned he attended the WCPR retreat and would like to bring in some information regarding the retreat to the board to have on the agenda.

Director Doyle asked about an update on the neighbor next door to station 2. Chief George stated that our attorney is working on it.

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero*

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Date Approved