

MINUTES

Tuesday March 24, 2026, 9:30 AM

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors
4860 Marshall Road, Garden Valley 95633 530-333-1240

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CALL TO ORDER E. Hawkins, F. Edwards, R. Nail, S. Hoel and F. Clark are all present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM There is a quorum and the meeting begins at 9:30 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance is conducted.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA Director Clark motions to adopt the agenda. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS None to report

3.0 Consent Calendar

- Approve Special meeting February 02, 2026 and Regular meeting February 24, 2026 minutes
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

Director Edwards motions to approve the items in the consent calendar. Director Clark seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

4.0 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Visitors are always welcomed at meetings of the Board of Directors and their suggestions and comments are encouraged. Those wishing to address the Board may do so when the item on the agenda is taken up prior to any action being taken by the Board, or under Communications. Oral Communications will be limited to 3 minutes per topic. The Board of Directors may vote to extend that time limit. Ron Phillips is present.

5.0 CHIEFS REPORT: There were no Significant Events, Responses to Georgetown

Training: Academy is coming to an end. Academy Graduation is April 11, 2026@ Station 62. There is Wildland Refresher Training, OES, and a Countywide Readiness Drill in April. We are teaching an EMT Class here at Station 51 starting in April. Captain Ryan Howard will be teaching that class. Repairs are being done to 351, WT251.

Special Committee Updates:

Fire Chiefs - Fire Chief Brad Gates Appointment, Sue Phillips Officially EDC CAO

JPA: 9th Medic Unit Awarded to EDC Fire

Fire Safe Council - Wildfire Expo April 11, 2026, WUI Conference in Reno March 23, 24, 25, 26.

Grant season is approaching quickly, we are getting ready to submit multiple grants.

We have started working on the Prelim Budget for FY 26-27

GSHS is having a Job Fair April 16th, we are planning to attend with a table.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Fuels Management Program Update: Chief Schwelger is at a meeting, Crew Foreman Bryan Nixon gives the report. 2 staff completed class A driver course. 1 licensed, 1 awaiting licensing. Skid steer is ready and we are waiting for the check from county. Looking to identify additional funding for implements like a mastication head. Work has been focused on the pole clearing project which is 25% complete. Fire safe council is applying for a 30 acre fuels reduction grant off Johntown Creek Rd. Crews will be doing the work if it is awarded. We coordinated and participated in a 2 acre prescribed burn in the Georgetown nature area, possible funds available to conduct burn prep on additional acreage there to develop using burning as a maintenance regime. Several grant reports are due, two final and 2 quarterly. We are working on those. Other than that, we are identifying and proposing additional fuels projects in the

area.

- 6.2 Fee Schedule Update (Ron Phillips will present proposed Prevention Fee schedule and approve for first reading next month.) Been working closely with Chief Norman, Chief Schwegler and Richard Galvin. We have made progress but still have some work to do before we present the first reading. In the next 2 to 3 weeks we will be finalizing the draft ordinance.
- 6.3 Update from Fire Advisory Working Group (Director Hawkins gives an update on discussion with Mosquito FPD.) Bottom line they want Chief Norman and they have some administrative issues and also requested some help there. The conversation will continue.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 2026 Admin Rate has been submitted and is pending review.

- 8.0 **ADJOURNMENT:** Director Nail motions to adjourn, Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and the meeting adjourned.