

# MINUTES

Tuesday March 25, 2025, 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. Chief Norman is absent and Assistant Chief Szczepanik is 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 Edwards motions to approve the agenda. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS** None

### **3.0 Consent Calendar**

- Approve February 25, 2025 meeting 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. **No visitors present**

### **5.0 CHIEFS REPORT**

- Fuels crew is assisting Georgetown Fire with hazard clearance around all their stations. Their insurance company is canceling their insurance. They are having to remove all trees within 100' of the buildings or to the property line.
- Wildfire Expo will be on 4/5/25 at the IOOF hall in Georgetown and on the 5/23/25 at the Grange in Garden Valley.
- The new tender is back from warranty work, is outfitted and is our first out tender.
- Fuels Management Division is on working on a PG&E grant to purchase a chipper, instead of renting one.
- Chief Norman is working with Mosquito for the purchase of Squad 52
- We just completed a 2.5 day Pre-position.
- We are still waiting on payment for 4 fires from 2024.
- 2025 year has started out with 6 Incidents.
- We are signing up new single resources next month. As of today, we have 20 single resource folks.
- CFAA Agreement: There was supposed to be a new agreement this year, however the agencies couldn't come to an agreement for a new 5year agreement. The old agreement has been extended till December 2025
- Salary survey for 2025 with OES has been submitted and approved. Our new rate for this year is calculated at 43%. Approval for that rate is pending.

### **6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

6.1 Finance Working Group Update: no update

6.2 Fuels Management Program Update: There is not much to report other than the new chipper purchase and the crew is helping Georgetown with clearing. We are Anticipating having a contract in hand for the bear creek project soon.

6.3 Amador Plan Update: no update

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Approve Chipper Purchase for Fuels Management Program: Director Edwards motions to approve the purchase of a new chipper for the fuel's management program. Director Nail seconds the motions. All in favor and the motion is approved.

7.2 2025 Annual Audit: The auditors were here earlier this month and conducted our FY 23/24 audit. It went pretty smoothly. Findings should be presented in the next couple months.

**8.0 OPEN FORUM** Nothing to report

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT** Director Edwards motions to adjourn. Director Nail seconds. All in favor and the meeting adjourns at 9:56 am.