

# MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 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, Sam 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 all are in favor and the agenda is approved.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Approve Minutes from February 27 and March 19, 2024 meetings: Corrections: Director Edwards suggests two-person committee on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> min 2.0. Director Clark motions to approve the minutes with corrections. Director Nail seconds the motions. All are in favor and the minutes are 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. Cherie Carlyon and Ken Pauley are present.

**5.0 CHIEFS REPORT:**

- Tragic event this weekend regarding a mountain lion attack. Information posted by sheriffs Dept is accurate. Working on establishing protocols to handle those types of situations.
- Structure fire in Kelsey, Personnel did a fantastic job given the circumstances.
- Fire chiefs meeting tomorrow
- Nothing notable for JPA
- Fire Safe Council had a meeting at the grange last week. It had a great turnout. There was a lot of interest in BLM parcel clearing and negligence on BLM properties.
- Water Tender committee is on hold until we figure out what financial component we want to go with: EX: grant, finance, cash
- AFG is submitted, working with grant writers on SAFER grant.

**6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

6.1 EDRFA (Fire Authority) Update: Appoint EDRFA Board Member: Chief Brown got the okay to get his patches. Draft policies were provided. A lot of them need some work. Director Edwards is glad to see some progress on the important stuff. Director Hawkins suggests Director Hoel for the Board Member Rep for EDRFA. Sam Hoel will be the rep for the EDRFA. Chief Norman has not received much feedback on the policies from our Board Members. Ken Pauley is working on the IT policies and has some feedback to provide for Chief Norman. Director Hoel requests a copy of the policies.

6.2 Septic Update: No work has been done. The plan for repair has not changed yet. The fear is the field will be dry and we are not sure that this repair will be fixed until next winter. Chief will look into some sort of warranty or agreement in case this repair does not work out. Chief did get a second opinion and the feedback in general was the design looks correct but he doesn't think the curtain drain will fix the issue. The next step is getting the engineer out here to answer more questions.

## **7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Monthly Bills/Financials Report: Director Hawkins motions to approve the bills/financials. Director Hoel seconds the motions. All are in favor and the motion is approved.
- 7.2 Develop Finance Committee: Chief would like to set up a working group on what we are going to do with our funds. We are in a new position where we can focus on some expenditures of funds. Director Hoel motions to establish a working group. Director Clark seconds the motion. Working members are Director Hoel and Director Edwards. Chief suggest that Admin Lisa Howard also be a member of the working group, as well as a community member. All are in favor. Cherie and Ken would like notifications for the meetings.

## **8.0 CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code § 54956.8)**

Meeting moves into Closed Session at 10am.

Property Address: 4131 Zdolsek Place Greenwood, CA 95635

Meeting comes out of closed session at 10:28 am.

Report: The BOD has decided to back out of the property negotiations and let the offer expire

## **9.0 OPEN FORUM: BOD request to move agenda item "open forum" to before closed session.**

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT: Director Clark motions to adjourn. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the meeting adjourns at 10:29 am.**