

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 9:30 AM

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The pledge of allegiance is conducted.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA Director Nail motions to adopt the agenda. Chief Norman requests to add an agenda item to new business for the approval of purchase of turnouts through a 50/50 grant.

2.0 Director Hoel seconds the motion with the addition of the agenda item. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS None to report

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve Minutes from September 24, 2024, meeting
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

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

5.0 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Visitors are always welcome 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.

Introduction of PGE Partners (partners did not make it).

Cherie Carlyon is present.

6.0 CHIEFS REPORT

Operations & Deployments:

The department continues to deploy single resource responses to fires across nation.

There were 5 Structure Fires for the month of September (2 in GRV). Kasha Ln & Chrysler Circle.

Chief Norman and two other personnel traveled to South Dakota to the Rosenbauer plant to inspect the new water tender 51.

Special Committee Updates:

Fire Chiefs – Nothing to report.

JPA- Cristy Jorgenson is back at the JPA as the Interim Director. Negotiations are going well with EDC.

Fire Safe Council – Held CWPP meeting at GSHS, about twelve people were in attendance. The district continues to collaborate with local stakeholders to improve our community's resiliency.

Other Important Updates:

Grants- No FEMA grants have been awarded. The district is filing for the Volunteer Recruitment Retention Grant Extension. WE were awarded a grant for Skid Mount and also the Cal Fire 50/50.

Monies have been deposited for the Fuels Management Program Grant.

Sunday Breakfast will be Donating \$5,000 to install new electric sign out front.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 EDRFA (Fire Authority) Update: Nothing to report/ Chief Norman did meet with Lori Parlin to recap the special meeting.

7.2 Finance Working Group Update: Group has not met/nothing to report.

7.3 Fuels Management Program Update: Chief Schwegler reports that Bryan Nixon has been brought on full time. He has been getting the equipment ready. The team went over to the school and did a small project to try out the equipment. They are waiting on funds to start

the garden view project for the school and another project up by hell hole reservoir. There are some roadside clearance jobs through the fire safe council. Just working on building relationships and reporting back to PGE in hopes of additional funding to show the projects there.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Review Strategic Plan Draft and Provide Input: Recommendations to be added are Daily shift reporting with different staffing, Morning briefings/Morning roll calls. Chief Norman reports those things will be added once we have a full crew.
- 8.2 Accept Management Letter Agreement for FY 23-24 Audit to be done by Larry Bain: Edwards motions to approve the letter. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.
- 8.3 Approval of purchase of turnouts with 50/50 grant: The district is looking for approval for 8 sets. 50/50 is paying for 5. We budgeted for two but would like 8. It is a safety issue so we would have to amend the budget. Two staff members are out of compliance. Cherie would like to know how long a set lasts. The Chief informs they last 10-12 years. Director Edwards motions to amend the budget and add additional costs for the turnouts. Director Hoel seconds the motion. All are in favor. Turnout expense should not exceed 45k without coming back for board approval. Hoel would like 3 extra sets, so each full-time staff has 2 sets. A total of twelve sets. Director Edwards amends the motion to approve twelve sets of turnouts. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

9.0 OPEN FORUM Nothing to report.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT Director Edwards motions to adjourn, Director Nail seconds. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:25 am.