

# MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24, 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: Chief Norman is not present and Chief Szczepanik is stepping in for him today.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM:** There is a quorum, and the meeting is begins at 9:33 am.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance is conducted.

**1.0 ADOPT AGENDA:** Director Edwards motions to approve the agenda. Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and the agenda is approved.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS:** Nothing to report

**3.0 Consent Calendar**

- Approve Minutes from August 27, 2024 meeting
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

Director Edwards motions to approve all items in the consent calendar. Director Nail seconds. 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.

**Cherie Carlyon is present**

**5.0 CHIEFS REPORT:** Assistant Chief Szczepnaik reports: The Chairman of the JPA resigned and Chief Norman is the interim Chairman now. Most of his time has been occupied with JPA business. The chipper and the chipper truck have arrived. The district has 3 Single resources out on assignment. We have received applications for the Fuels management positions. The Fire safe council meeting is Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at the high school. All community members are encouraged to attend.

**6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

6.1 EDRFA (Fire Authority) Update: Director Sam Hoel did not receive the packet for the meeting. The two major issues were the mosquito contract and the rescue contracts. It came to Director Hoel's attention that the mosquito contract has been in place for a couple months and money has been exchanged. He questioned if it was an EDRFA matter. The answer Chief Brown gave was that it was more for political effort. The same for the rescue contract. Mike Webb, Chairman EDRFA, did bring up if he's chairman again he wants to bring up annexation and make EDRFA more formal. Sam offers to draft up a letter that states we are not interested in annexation through EDRFA that needs to be separate. The board appreciates the offer, and he will bring the draft to the next meeting. The concerns Director Edwards and Previous Director Spaugh originally had been coming to light and Director Edwards is not comfortable with it. Director Hoel states that he does not think it is bad motivation from Chief Brown but there is not good communication and Georgetown Fire is suddenly bringing in 6k a month for services from other agencies. Cherie states her opposition towards these agreements and thinks the district should pull out of the EDRFA if agreements are being put in place without board approval.

6.2 Finance Working Group Update: No report

6.3 Fuels Management Program Update: Included in the chief's report

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Approve FY 24-25 Final Budget: Director Edwards motions to approve the budget; Director Clark seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is approved.

7.2 Accept Agreement and Approve Resolution 2024-03 for VFC Grant: Director Clark motions to accept the agreement and approve the resolution. Director Edwards seconds. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

7.3 Resolution 2024-04 Conflict of Interest Amendment: Tabled until November.

**8.0 OPEN FORUM** Nothing to report

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT** Director Edwards motions to adjourn, Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned.