

# MINUTES

Tuesday April 28, 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.

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

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

## **2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS**

### **3.0 Consent Calendar**

- Approve March 24, 2026 minutes
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

Director Hawkins motions to approve the items in the consent calendar. Director Edwards seconds the motions. 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. Ken Pauley, Paula Roggy, Cherie Carylton and Mike Sampson are all present.

**5.0 CHIEFS REPORT** Academy is wrapped up. They graduation night was a great success. The house was full and it was a night full of pride. EMT class being taught by Captain Ryan Howard began a couple weeks ago. There is good feedback from the students. The district had 53 calls for Feb. and 83 for the month of March. Those calls were predominantly the squad responding up to Georgetown. Not all the calls were to Georgetown but there is definitely an increase due to the staffing changes up in Georgetown. Chief does not anticipate this as a long term trend. CalFIRE is around. The new Fyrebox is here. The fire expo was a big success. It has definitely progressed since last year. New medic unit assigned to station 48. The data does support the positioning. Chiefs Association has not met since the last meeting. The main topic is for the FCA is the Marshall hospital initiative. As far as we have heard they are running a bit behind on signatures that are required to get that on the ballot.

## **6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Fuels Management Program Update: Training is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> for on the fyrebox. The box is in CAD to request for order. It is in as Skid 51. We are also looking to add it to OES. Looking into grants for proper equipment to haul it. Nature area in Georgetown is still in progress. Red Hawk has been very supportive of this project. Fire safe council is applying for a grant for a 30 acre field break in the Johntown creek area. The Kelsey project is completed. HWY 193, behind mobile the home park, all the way to Garden Park has been cleared with the extra funding we had. Crew is in a holding pattern for that grant because grants are in bird nesting season. Grant approval pending for PGE line proposal in the Georgia Slide area. Chief Schwegler attended the WUI Conference in Reno. They mostly focused on the home hardening.
- 6.2 Fee Schedule Update (Ron Phillips will present proposed Prevention Fee schedule and Schedule for first reading next month.) Ron Phillips is not present. Chief does not have an update. We missed the deadline for the public notice so no reading this month. We do not

have any progress or action on this at this time.

- 6.3 Update from Fire Advisory Working Group (Director Hawkins to give an update on discussion with Mosquito FPD & El Dorado County.) There are some topics of negotiation from mosquito. The idea is they want the same deal that Georgetown has with us in sharing the Chief. Director Hawkins is asking for some direction with this. The County is offering to put in funds for this for a 2 year period. The supervisors at the county have approved this funding. LAFCO is in favor of this. They want 1 Chief for the divide. That is their long term goal. They like us and think we are the ones to do this. Director Edwards would like to keep going until we have an option to vote on a contract yes or no. The BOD ask Chief Norman what his thoughts are on this. Chief states this is the right thing to do and it has to be done right. He does not rush and wants to make sure it's done right. If we do this chief is in charge and he calls the shots. He made it clear to county that Garden Valley cannot take on more work and we would need another administrator. County agrees. Chief wants to vet it our further and do it on our timeline not because they have a deadline. Cherie Carlyon requests their budget for the next meeting before any contract is approved. (Mosquito) The contract would be 200k per year for 2 years.

## **7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Approve Resolution 2026-01 authorizing Portal to Portal Personnel: Director Hawkins motions to approve, Director Edwards seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.
- 7.2 Approve Resolution 2026-02 for Application to Cal FIRE's wood products and bioenergy business and workforce development grant program: Director Clark motions to approve, Director Nail seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion is approved.

## **8.0 CLOSED SESSION**

### **8.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54956.8)**

Property Address: 4876 Black Oak Mine Rd. and 4900 Black Oak Mine Rd.

Agency Negotiator: Paula Roggy

Negotiating Parties: Patti Smith Real Estate

Under Negotiation:  Price  
 Terms of Payment  
Both

Nothing to report

**9.0 OPEN FORUM** Director Nail would like to know what we do with the fuel that is cut down. Chief Schwegler informs him that it is chipped and redistributed.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT** Director Edwards motions to adjourn, Director Nail all in favor and the meeting adjourned.