

MINUTES

Tuesday January 27, 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 present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM There is a quorum and the meeting begins 9:35 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The pledge of allegiance is conducted

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA Chief Norman request to move item 6.2 to before the 5.0 the Chiefs Report. Director Edwards motions to adopt the agenda, Director Nail seconds. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS Verbal correspondence from a community member that our agendas are too vague. Chief agreed and more descriptive agendas will be provided moving forward.

3.0 Consent Calendar

- Approve December 2, 2025 Minutes
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

Director Edwards motions to approve the consent calendar items. Director Clark 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, Several Georgetown BOD members, and Gina Posey are all present. Gina Posey introduces herself. She is running for supervisor District 4 and is very involved with fire safe council committees.

5.0 CHIEFS REPORT: Call volume we had 669 calls for 2025 and 66 calls for December. It has been rather slow. The Academy is under way. We have 5 in the academy, Georgetown has 5 recruits and Mosquito has 3. We have been going up on Saturdays to help cook. let chief know if you would like to come up and help. Some board members have expressed interest in doing so. Duty officers have been doing most of the cooking thus far. Firefighter Dan Moore from C shift starts his medic internship at Georgetown tomorrow. We did assist in a call in mosquito. Bryan Nixon was up there with the water tender and one other fuels crew member. Chief said it was good to see all our training and planning come full circle with working together. The JPA has been quiet at the beginning of the year. There was a meeting about the 9th medic unit not coming into service until July. There is another meeting next month to award that medic unit. FCA meets tomorrow. Marshall hospital will be there to discuss the tax initiative that will be on the ballot in November. A potential workshop date is being discussed. That will be the time for any board members to come and ask any questions from the Marshall representative. Chief Schwegler has been working diligently on a Wildfire Expo to be held April 11th. A flyer will be coming out shortly.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Fuels Management Program Update: Chief Schwegler: There are current projects with pile burning and Spanish flat that should wrap up at the end of February then we will move over to Garden Valley. They are also working on a fire reduction project in the Johntown Creek area. That will be the focus area for 2026-27. Waiting on funding for Traverse Creek project that was complete. It should be about 3 months for that. We are looking at Georgetown school nature area. Hoping to get a project proposal for funding and help make that a protected ecosystem rather than an overgrown ecosystem with invasive species. We received a grant for equipment. You will see that equipment purchase proposal later in the agenda.
- 6.2 GVFPD & GFPD Contract for Services: Director Edwards motions to approve the contract for services. Director Hoel seconds; DISCUSSION: Chief supports the contract. Mike Webb mentions that Chief Wes Norman has jumped in and helped them tremendously. He is grateful for him and wants to share the appreciation and looks forward to the districts working together. Director Hawkins confirms that this a one year contract and is extendable. Director Hoel explains that it expires and needs to be renewed every year. Community member Cherie Carlyon would like to know what the \$6500 is in hours. Chief Normans informs that the \$6500 is for all of our services. For example prevention. We have the availability of sending our guy up there and Georgetown does not have hire out. Cherie states it doesn't seem like enough money for what GV will be providing. Director Hoel comments that we are helping a neighbor and we are not losing anything. We came in low but we want to make this work and help. She wants them to keep track hours were spending to make sure we aren't losing. That way we can evaluate in December. It is fiscally responsible for GV. Chief says he will do his best. All are in favor and the contract is approved. Gtown will have a special meeting on Friday.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Elect GVFPD BOD Officers: Director Edwards motions that Hawkins and Hoel switch places. Director Clark seconds the motion. Director Hoel accepts the nomination as Chair and Director Hawkins accepts the nomination as Vice Chair. All are in favor and the Officers are approved.
- 7.2 Fee Schedule Proposal early 2024: Chief brought forward a fee schedule for services last year. It would be cost recovery for prevention services. He would like to revisit the idea of this fee schedule for cost recovery. He would like to hire Ron Phillips as a consultant. This would be fees for prevention. The cost for Ron Phillips's services would not exceed \$3000. Chief would prefer a professional to execute this. Ron Phillips introduces himself and presents how the process would work. Director Clark motions to hire Ron Phillips. Director Nail seconds. All are in favor.
- 7.3 Equipment Purchase Approval: Chief Schwegler presents two models of equipment and is recommending the gently used model. Director Edwards motions to approve the purchase of recommended piece of equipment. Director Clark seconds. All are in favor.
- 7.4 Property Acquisition Discussion Director Clark asked we once again look at the property by Greenwood station. It has sold. Chief Norman has found property directly next to station 52. It has a structure on it. It has power, septic, water and a well. He thinks we can get it for a great price. We don't have funds to build yet. But we can get rid of the structure and put in a pad. We get fencing, internet from 62 and put up security and house our equipment there until we secure funding for a building. He would like approval from the board to move forward on the property with next month or a special meeting. Director Clark motions for Chief Norman to research finance and purchasing option for said property. Director Edwards seconds the motion. All are in favor.

- 8.0 **OPEN FORUM** Director Hawkins mentions that he agrees with the community Correspondence from item 2.0 and action items on agenda should be more clear. Director Edwards and Hawkins were asked to attend a meeting with Mosquito. Mosquito requested the meeting. Director Hoel motions to approve GVFPD send two BOD members to meet with Mosquito in a 2x2 meeting. Director Clark seconds the motion. All are in favor. March 12th at 6pm is the fire council expo.

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