

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 27, 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 and F. Clark are all present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM: There is a quorum and the meeting begins at 9:34 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance is conducted.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA: Director Nail motions to adopt the agenda. Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and the motions is approved.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Norman provides the Applications that have been received to the Board of Directors. Applicants included are Sam Hoel, Jacob Scott and Ken Pauley. Director ~~Clark~~^{Edwards} recommends a 2-person, board member committee to review the applications, conduct interviews and suggest on who to appoint to fill the vacancy. Director Edwards also suggests that the Fire Chief be on that committee. Director Nail and Director Clark volunteer to be on that committee. Chief Norman suggests a Committee Charmian be elected to set up interviews and report back suggestions for the next meeting. He offers to provide interview questions that were used from our last vacancy as well as setting up those appointments for the Committee Chairman if they would like assistance with that. Director Clark volunteers to be the Chairman of that Committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approve Minutes from January 24, January 30 and February 8, 2024 meetings: Director Hawkins motions to approve minutes from January 24, January 30 and February 8, 2024. Director Clark seconds the motion. 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 is Present

5.0 CHIEFS REPORT:

- Operations and Deployment: the department is doing some OES Pre-positioning, the department is already at about 11 days this year for pre-positioning. The last storm did create some 911 calls.
- A Staff Meeting for Duty Officers has been set for March 12, 2024
- The Incident Overhead Division will be at the station on Monday, April 22, 2024 for annual training on OES procedures and policy refreshers
- JPA: Negotiations have started with the County on a new contract that will take place July 1, 2025.
- Nothing notable to report on OPS. Chief Norman was unable to attend the Chief's meeting due to another obligation. Chief Szczepanik went in his place and there is nothing notable to report, however, Chief Norman will be rehashing the sales tax measure at the next Chief's meeting to try and get that going again.
- Fire Safe Council: There is a Community Fuels Treatment Planning meeting on March 20th at the Grange Hall from 6pm to 8pm.
- Chief Norman will be going to another meeting with the Women's Health Auxiliary after the BOD Meeting. They give us a donation every year. Funds come from the Christmas Bizarre

they hold every year. They were going to shut down at one point but have had some new volunteers step up and are really excited to keep the organization going.

- Elections are here next week. Chief is encouraging them to find another location as it has displaced a lot of our organizations that routinely use the meeting room (including ROP) for over a week.
- Grants: Grants for AFG Fire Hose is going in. We have a new grant writer that heading this up for the district and we are really excited to be working with her. We are also working with another grant writer on some fuel's projects. Equipment grants close on March 8th and then Staffing grants open right after.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 EDRFA (Fire Authority) Update: Alternate Director Hawkins reports that they have executed a contract for fleet maintenance. He reports that the patch controversy has been solved. The EDRFA has approved a shoulder patch for employees to wear. When and where those patches are to be worn is still unclear. Chief's will discuss it with their departments. Director Edwards pressed on his expectation that the EDRFA would have some bylaws, operating procedures or something so that everyone would have some idea of their limitations within this JPA. Especially when it comes to financials and wear money from the districts is going.
- 6.2 Septic Complications Update: There is no update on septic. The ground is not hard enough to do work on it so there has been no progression. We have replaced Wilkinson Portables with Royal.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Monthly Bills/Financials Report: Reports should be itemized from accounts 4000 and up. There was an error and itemized payroll should not be included in future bills/financial BOD reports. Director Clark motions to approve the bills. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the Bills are approved.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION (Meeting moves into closed session at 10:18 am)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property Address: 4131 Zdolsek Place Greenwood, CA 95635

Agency Negotiator: Paula Roggy

Under Negotiation: Price

Terms of Payment

Both

Meeting comes out of closed session at 10:52 am with noting to report.

9.0 OPEN FOURM: Nothing to report

10.0 ADJOURNMENT: Director Nail motions is adjourn. Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:52 am.