

MINUTES

Thursday May 29, 2025, 9:30 AM

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The pledge of allegiance is conducted.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA Director Clark motions to adopt agenda. Director Edwards seconds with the amendment to move item 5 to item 2. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS None to report

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve April 14, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes and April 29, 2025 Minutes
 - Monthly Bills/Financial Report
- Director Edwards motions to approve the items in the consent calendar. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

4.0 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. Cherie Carlyon is present.

5.0 CALFIRE AMADOR PLAN PRESENTATION Chief Blankenheim and Chief Wood are here to explain what the Amador plan is and answer any questions the BOD may have.

6.0 CHIEFS REPORT (A copy of the Chiefs report is included with these minutes)

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 Finance Working Group Update: The group received documents from Chief Norman to review including new policies. Once they are reviewed by the committee they will be presented to the board for approval.
- 7.2 Fuels Management Program Update: Current job is on Traverse Creek by the second bridge. They will continue down Traverse Creek down by Bear Creek. There is a ton of opportunity for work through the RCD. Including Spanish Flat RD. Greenwood Rd and Garden Valley Rd. Chief Schwegler is doing an amazing job making great community contacts and communications. Together with those collaborations, they have made up a great resource Wildfire preparedness workbook.
- 7.3 Roof Quotes Update/Approval: Last month we approved a quote and awarded a job, however that company did not have liability insurance and that is why the quote was cheaper. Director Edwards motions to go with Blevins. Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and Blevins Roofing is awarded the job.
- 7.4 GVFPD RCD Contract Approval (Tabled from last meeting): This contract is not an expenditure so this is not a board issue. Frank Clark motions to pull this item from old business and let the Chief have control. Director Nail seconds. All are in favor.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Approve Draft Policies presented at Last Month's meeting: Director Clark motions to approve

the draft policies presented last month. Director Edwards seconds. All are in favor of approving those policies.

8.2 Present New/Updated Policies: New policies have been given to the BOD for review over the next month and will be up for approval at the next board meeting. Director Hoel suggests that over time we will have a full package and have the opportunity to approve them as a whole. Chief Norman advises that a whole package will be presented at the end of all the individual approvals. Director Hoel suggest a wet ink signature from a rep from MOU to cover the district in the communication of those policies to the staff.

8.3 Department of Interior Grant: Review and Approve Skid Mount Quote: Two quotes have been provided to the Board for the purchase of a new skid mount. We have \$76k approved from grant. The district would love to buy 2 however we do not have place to house the second one. The recommendation from Chief Schwegler is MTech on the Qtack skid mount. They are able to deliver within 6-8 weeks vs 6-8 months. Cascade was 10K more because the specs we wanted would be a custom build for what we wanted. Director Clark motions for the mtech. Director Edwards seconds. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

8.4 Promotion Presentation: Aaron Green is promoted to the rank of Engineer.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION Meeting moves into closed session at 10:54 am

PERSONNEL

Public Employee (Gov. Code § 54957)

Administrative Assistant Contract, Battalion Chief Contract

Admin contract was approved by a unanimous vote

Nothing to report on BC Contract

Meeting comes out of closed session at 11:45

10.0 OPEN FORUM Link will be sent out to BOD for Ethics and Harassment classes.

A contract is being sent to mosquito for the loan of one of GFVPD's vehicles until purchase is complete.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT Director Edwards motions to adjourn, Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 11:49 am.