

# Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 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, and F. Clark are present. S. Hoel is present via Zoom.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM:** There is a quorum and the meeting begins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance is conducted.

**1.0 ADOPT AGENDA:** Edwards motions, Nail seconds, Chief would like to table 7.3. all are in favor

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS:** None to report

### **3.0 Consent Calendar**

- Approve Minutes from June 25, 2024 and August 7, 2024 meetings: Director Edwards motions to approve 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 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. Cherie gives a GPUD rate update.

Others in attendance: Mike Rubock from Burton Fire, Gordon O'Neill, Brandon Soria, Bryan Nixon, Linda Szczepanik and Ryan Howard.

### **5.0 CHIEFS REPORT:** Chief Norman gives an update on details from the Crozier fire.

The New Engine that was approved last board meeting is in service as well as the 2 new utilities.

No action for fire chiefs meeting: Regional meeting taking place next week.

JPA: 2 new ambulances have arrived. Contracts are still in negotiations.

Fire Safe Council met and mostly just talked about the crozier fire and some fuels management projects happening.

PGE funding is in and should clear the bank this week. We have a kick off meeting with PGE next week.

We received Grant for 75K to buy a skid mount. We have not heard on our AFG grant submission. FEMA R&R grants will be released soon.

### **6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

- 6.1 EDRFA (Fire Authority) Update: (Director Hoel) There has not been a meeting since July. It was not a lot of activity. Still working on the structuring of the group. They did talk about the SBCA grant. There was some talk on the patches now that they are done.
- 6.2 Finance Working Group Update: Nothing to report, they have not met due to scheduling conflicts. County should close Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and the working group will get back together once those final numbers are in.
- 6.3 Fuels Management Program Update: Covered under Chief's report. Chipper and chipper truck have been on hold for us and ready for pick up once funds clear.

### **7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Monthly Bills/Financials Report: Director Edwards motions to approve the bills/financial report. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motions is approved.
- 7.2 WT-51 Presentation: Chief Norman explains that an opportunity has arrived for a new Water Tender. It will be available in September. The spec is very close to what the district wanted. The numbers they are coming in at is less than what were expected. The district

has spent 22K on the current WT just in the last 3 years. When the WT comes back from assignment the steering will need replacing. Purchasing a new tender would allow the district to have 2 in service. One for deployment and one at home for an in-district emergency. While our neighboring agencies have a WT they don't have staffing for it. The Chief would like the Board to consider this purchase seriously. The numbers discussed prior for a new tender were just under 600K. This one available comes in at just under 550k. Director Edwards motions to do what we must do to secure one. Director Nail seconds the motion. Chief informs a letter of intent has been sent in. Our current WT is aging out. The Chief's recommendation is to finance it on a 10-year loan. Director Edwards motions to put a 100K down and finance the balance for a new tender on a 10-year loan with the intention to revisit our financials a year from now. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

7.3 District 5 Year Strategic Plan: Tabled until the next meeting

7.4 Approval for C7301 Vehicle Purchase: The Current C7301 vehicle is whatever runs the best at the time. Chief Norman is requesting 80K out the door for a new pickup command vehicle. The Chief did budget for this vehicle this Budget but an amendment will need to be made because for the purchase of the 2 new utility vehicles. Director Edwards motions to approve the purchase of a new Command Vehicle for 7301. Director Nail seconds the motions. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

**8.0 OPEN FOURM:** Director Hawkin and Director Hoel are our Board members for another 2 years. Nobody else filed for the positions. Director Nail asks about a drone program. Chief informs that staffing for a drone program is a challenge. Chief Schwegler informs the drone program is absorbed by other agencies and are provided for us. Director Nail asks about foam that stops fire. Chief informs that is doesn't really extinguish. It does dampen but does not put fire out. We do have foam on our engines. Founders' day is Sept 21.

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