

MINUTES

Tuesday October 28, 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, S. Hoel and F. Clark are all present.

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 Chief recommends to strike 7.1 as there is nothing to approve and he can cover the topic in the Chief's report. Director Edwards motions to approve, Director Clark seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS Nothing to report

3.0 Consent Calendar

- Approve September 23, 2025 Minutes and Special Meeting October 9, 2025 Minutes
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

Director Edwards motions to approve, 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, Ken Pauley are present

5.0 CHIEFS REPORT: There was a structure fire in Kelsey last month. Our guys made an aggressive attack. New fire reporting software that we approved last month is needed sooner than anticipated. The state is requiring that we change over 2 months earlier than we had planned. We had 56 calls for the month of Sept which is down. We have made 3 offers for the Firefighter/EMT positions and we have 3 folks that have accepted those offers. They are in the middle of medicals and will start early to mid-November. We only had to order 1 set of new turnouts. Rescue is allowing us to use their current set here. Were grateful for that. Chief has 1 more meeting with JPA. Gallagher has announced retirement for the end of the year. Blankenheim is also retiring at the end of the year. Chief Cordero is retiring in March. Chief Brown gave resignation at Georgetown. A lot of chief movement happening. Chief Norman will most likely be throwing his name in for the Chair for the Chiefs Association. GDPUD is hosting a meeting here tonight. Galvin will be doing a small presentation. Grants: we need a gas monitor, we were granted one. Check from PGE is here for new project. New FEMA for hose has been delayed because of the government shut down. The fire code, we will be rolling into the state code. We missed the deadline for any amendments which we don't normally do anyway. This code will be in place for the next 6 years. Irrigation committee discussed all the ponds in the area so the fire dept can have access to them. They want mapping of them. The request was for the community to inform fire dept of ponds in the area to make access to them for the fire and map them. That was the idea. It is just a topic that has been brought up.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Finance Working Group Update: Nothing to report

6.2 Fuels Management Program Update: Chief Schwegler has jury duty today. The Fuels Crew has completed the project at the high school that was in partnership with PGE. They are getting ready to start in the nature area behind Georgetown School. Chief Norman does not like the radius at the high school they have granted us the money to finish that whole area up and extend those boundaries. We have a new partnership for ground level fuel reduction around power poles in our district and Georgetown. Johntown creek, Cedar, and some other areas. The next phase will include Garden Park, Wabasso, Fair Pines and another community in

Georgetown by Reservoir. PGE does not have the staffing for this work so this is a great project for the partnership. The crew is staying busy. Cherie asked about clearance for poles. Chief informs 12-15 ground clearance. She suggest Black Oak Mine. Chief informs it's such a small span it does not qualify for grant funding. CIO is working on it.

6.3 **OPEN FORUM:** November December meetings. Chief Norman is gone Thanksgiving week. The Board decides to have a regular meeting on December 2nd to cover both November and December meetings. We will call a special meeting in November if we need one. Director Clark would like know why we have all vehicles out there for sale. Chief Normans informs him they are not for sale but are the fuels reduction team vehicles. Director Clark would like Chief Norman to look into the property behind the Greenwood station again for purchase. Director Hoel would like to recognize the 2-0 staffing leap. It was a lot of work on behalf of the Chief and the staff to get here. Director Clark informs everyone that there is a senior Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 22nd put on by the native sons. He asks Ken Pauley to bring up the parking problem to Georgetown Fire to ensure parking is available for everyone. All the new folks will be at the next meeting but we will do the badge pinning before that.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT** Director Edwards motions to adjourn the meeting. Director Hoel seconds the motion. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:19 am.