



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

May 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

1) The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Al Fiori leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) Directors in Attendance:

Al Fiori	Joe Petersen	Robert Gloeckner
Mike Doyle	Steve Petrucci	
Charlie Lachman	Domenic Carinalli	

Directors Absent: None.

3) Public Input – none

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the April 5, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Director Carinalli noted a correction to the minutes that the meeting was at Station 2, not at Station 1. Jennifer Crayne will make the correction. A motion was made by Director Carinalli to approve the April 5, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

5) Correspondence – None.

6) Approval of the April 2017 Revenues and Expenses: The revenues and expenses for the month of April were reviewed and discussed. April 2017 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Lachman made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Gloeckner and passed unanimously.

Expense Report #2016/17-11 was reviewed. Director Carinalli made a motion to pay expenses #123 through #135 totaling \$50,374.00. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich reported that 8131 failed a smog test due to an issue with the oxygen sensor. 8162 is in the shop for pump repairs and will be out of service for a few days.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that well project is nearing completion and the electrician needs to be scheduled to come out and wire the pump. He also reported that Station 3 has a new account with Blue Star Gas and they will be receiving a new propane tank soon. Atlas will be out on June 12th to remove the trees off the Station 2 property. Chief George reported that the Hessel Association would like to place a 20 foot shipping container on site for storage of the pancake breakfast supplies, tools, and training supplies. It would need to be placed along the tree line in order to allow for access during the winter. Director Lachman asked that the storage container be placed out of sight from his home if possible.

Personnel – Battalion Chief Schipper reported that there are currently 14 interns, where last year at this time there were only 5. It was helpful that we were present at the SRJC Fire Academy. Chief George reported that Admin Manager Crayne has submitted a letter of resignation. Her last day will be May 23, 2017.

General Information – None.

Financial Report – Chief George reported that the April tax revenue has been deposited and we are in good financial position. He is still working with the Feds over an issue with the unemployment insurance rate listed on the strike team reimbursement. Once the issue is corrected, the reimbursements should come in quickly.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that vehicles have been used for extrication training. There will be two vehicles brought to Station 2 for new volunteers to train on. The burn house will be ready for training exercises June 24th. They will be running search and rescue scenarios.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that the burn ban went into effect 4/30/17. The Hessel Church inspection is nearly complete with a few minor issues to take care of. Gravenstein School was able to use bond money to install a 38,000 gallon water tank and a pressurized hydrant.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs reported that there will be an Association dinner tomorrow night. June 4th is the Pancake Breakfast.

Explorer Post – Nothing to report.

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

A. Resolution 2016/17-07: Approving a lease purchase agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing solar panels for Stations 1 and 2.

A discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of solar power. Chair Al Fiori expressed his concerns with the expense of solar panels and feels with the rapid rate at which technology changes, the District may want to consider holding off. He also feels that the Board was not given enough time to review the proposal and make a decision.

A motion was made by Director Petersen to approve a lease purchase agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing solar panels for Station 1 and Station 2. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Al Fiori- No

Charlie Lachman- Aye

Joe Petersen- Aye

Vernon Doyle- Aye

Steve Petrucci- Aye

Robert Gloeckner- Yes

Domenic Carinalli- No

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B. The Budget Committee (Chair Fiori, Director Lachman, Director Petersen, Chief George, Admin Manager Crayne) will meet Friday, May 19th at 3:00 pm @ Station 1 to prepare the FY 2017/18 Preliminary Budget.

10) Good of the Order:

Administrative Manager Crayne addressed the Board thanking them for the opportunity to have worked for the District. Each Board member thanked her for a job well done and wished her well in her future endeavors.

11) Adjournment: There being no further business, Director Gloeckner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Crayne

Al Fiori, Chair

Vernon Doyle, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Steve Petrucci, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Robert Gloeckner, Director

Date Approved

