



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Serving the communities of Hessel, Twin Hills, Freestone, & Rural Sebastopol
Fire Chief Shepley Schroth-Cary

December 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 2. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with Director Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Roll Call of Directors:**

Robert Gloeckner	Mike Doyle
Charlie Lachman	Steve Petrucci
Joe Petersen	Christopher Tachouet
	Dominic Carinalli
- 3) **Public Input:** None.
- 4) **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the November 6, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Tachouet to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.
- 5) **Correspondence:** None
- 6) **Approval of the Financial Reports:** The revenues and expenses for the month of November were reviewed and discussed. Director Tachouet made a motion to approve the November 2019 Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.
- 7) **Reports:**
 - a) **Operations Report:**
 - i) **Equipment Maintenance:** Assistant Fire Chief Pforsich emailed a report stating: 8161 got new front tires which we already had in storage. 8182 had a partially plugged exhaust which was affecting turbo performance. Extensive freeway driving cleared it up. 8181 and 8182 will be going to Twin Oaks for radiator hose replacement and miscellaneous repairs. 8182's compartment/body repairs (warranty) were approved and are scheduled at Randy's Auto Body. 8191 is going to Twin Oaks for warranty starter replacement (defective bendix). Finalizing updates to water tender spec prior to going out to bid.
 - ii) **Building Maintenance:** Assistant Fire Chief George reported that Bob Illia completed the work at station 2. He also said that when the weather clears they'll need to pressure wash and paint.
 - iii) **Personnel:** Fire Chief Schroth-Cary reported that the new BC hire Gino was cleared today and good for a December 20th start date.
 - b) **Training:** See attached report submitted by BC DeCarli.
 - c) **Fire Marshal's Report –** See attached report submitted by BC DeCarli.

d) **Firefighters Associations** – Janney reported that she will be closing the Yes on E account and will return roughly \$1500 to the associations.

e) **Explorer Post** – None

8) **Old Business:**

a) **Long Range Committee Update:** A discussion ensued regarding the LAFCO SOI study which was presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 4th. Director Gloeckner expressed his concern about volunteer retention and changes to local governance. Director Lachman invited visitors from Cazadero and Fort Ross to weigh in on the conversation. Cazadero CSD President Mike Nicholls expressed his concern about lack of representation should they be picked up by the Sonoma County Fire District. Fort Ross VFD Chief Steve Ginesi recognized their small size and said that it would make sense to consolidate with Cazadero and still maintain representation for their area. Cazadero CSD Vice President Paul Barry echoed the concern about governance and said we should look at other regions for ideas, for example Marin has a JPA with 4 departments.

b) **Parcel tax update:** A timeline of tasks created by Bill Adams was distributed to the board. Next month the board will have to vote to set the tax rate.

9) **New Business:**

a) Resolution 19/20-03 to approve the 6th amended joint powers agreement of the Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority (FAIRA) and the updated liability risk coverage agreement: (**Action Item**) Director Petersen made a motion to approve this resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

b) Board approval to update Exchange Bank account signers; removing Al Fiori and Lisa Guerrero, adding Shepley Schroth-Cary and Karen McCormick and allowing online access to Tiffanie Palmer: (**Action Item**) Director Petersen made a motion to approve the updates to the bank accounts as written. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.

c) Board approval of the 2020 Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Board of Director's meeting schedule: (**Action Item**) Director Petersen made a motion to approve the 2020 meeting dates as written. The motion was seconded by director Lachman and passed unanimously.

d) Board approval of salary increases for staff: (**Action Item**) Fire Chief Schroth-Cary presented a proposal to the board which outlined a 5% increase to the current salary schedule effective the first pay period in January 2020. Director Petrucci made a motion to approve the salary increases as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

e) Continue conversations with Zone 5 fire agencies: (**Discussion Item**) This item was covered in the Long Range Planning Update. Director Gloeckner said it would be advantageous for the board chairs and chiefs to meet to discuss further.

10) **Good of the Order:** None

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Carinalli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie McCormick

Robert Gloeckner, Chair

Steve Petrucci, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Christopher Tachouet, Director

Mike Doyle, Director

Date Approved