



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

1) The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Director Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) **Roll Call of Directors:**

Mike Doyle	Steve Petrucci
Charlie Lachman	Joe Petersen
Christopher Tachouet	Robert Gloeckner

Directors Absent: Dominic Carinalli

3) **Public Input:** None

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the July 3, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Tachouet to approve the July 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

The minutes from the July 29, 2019 special meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Lachman to approve the July 29, 2019 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

The minutes from the August 1, 2019 special meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Petersen to approve the August 1, 2019 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the resolution being submitted. Will discuss in

5) **Correspondence** – None

6) **Approval of the July 2019 Revenues and Expenses:**

The revenues and expenses for the month of July were reviewed and discussed. July 2019 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 Petersen and passed unanimously.

There was a question in regards to the PERs payment made for arrears. Chief George stated it was a payment made for a past employee and it included an admin fee.

Director Gloeckner asked about the payment made to North Coast and wanted know if this was an annual inspection. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated "yes".

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Fire Chief Pforsich mentioned that 8192 had the bearings replaced, though it did not solve the noise issue. All other repair items are up to date. He also mentioned he will be meeting with the sales representative from Rosenbauer in regards to working on the specs for new water tender.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned he continues to get input on the roof at station 2, and he currently has no numbers yet. Director Gloeckner asked if we should try to get someone out before winter. Chief George stated its going to be tough to get anyone to do the job right now. Director Gloeckner as if we have been working on getting bids. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated "yes".

Director Gloeckner mentioned that the rental next to station 1 needs to be cleaned up. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned that they had started to clean up and then stopped. He will talk with the renters again.

Disc Ensued

Personnel – Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned he will be putting the job announcement out county wide for the Engineer, Data and Logistics position. Currently we received only four applicants. Hopefully by sending it out county wide, we will receive a better pull. Director Gloeckner asked if we are struggling with staffing. Both Chief George and Battalion Chief Schipper stated we are doing okay at this time with little overtime.

General Information – None

Financial Report – Chief George stated we received our \$600,000 from the county, and we will be invoices North Bay Fire for their first quarter payment. Director Gloeckner

asked if the contracts with Sonoma County and Gold Ridge Fire have been signed. Chief George stated "yes" and the agreement with North Bay Fire and Gold Ridge Fire have been signed as well. Chief George mentioned he would forward the agreement to the Board.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned that we are currently working on multi casualty training. We will also be putting together a Command class with Jack Piccinini doing the training and we will open it up to Sebastopol and Graton. Director Lachman asked if we should include Occidental. Battalion Chief DeCarli said we could, though we will need to see if we have enough room.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief De Carli mentioned that they have done roughly 200 vegetation management inspections. Director Gloeckner inquired about how the inspections are being received. Battalion Chief DeCarli stated they have been pretty well received. Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned he received a Thank you card from the residents on Fiori lane. He attended a meeting with @ 50 residents. He will be attending another meeting next week with @ 25 residents.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs reported that the BBQ in Freestone last week was well attended. She also mentioned that that association met and has decided to contribute \$10,000 toward the campaign.

Lieutenant Heaton, President with the Firefighters association stated they are meeting tomorrow and will have more information by next board meeting.

Explorer Post – Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned that the explorers are at station 1 for drill tonight.

8) Old Business:

A. Long Range Committee update - MSR for Zone 8 and neighbors:

Director Gloeckner mentioned that he met with Supervisor Hopkins along with Chief George, and had a very positive meeting.

Disc Ensued

B: Parcel tax update: Chief George mentioned that the Resolution and Ordinance that was signed at the special meeting on August 1, 2019 was submitted to the county on Friday, August 8, 2019 by Bill Adams.

Chief George mentioned that after the recent survey the numbers have changed. Before current survey: 52% yes, 32% uncertain and 14% no. Results

after current survey: 64.6% yes, 23% uncertain and 10% no. Chief George stated the campaign committee had a good meeting the other night. He also mentioned the newsletter will be going out tomorrow and that Denny Rosatti will be putting together a synopsis of the tax measure for the district and staff.

Chief George mentioned we will be having a get together for the parcel tax on the 24th of August at Hessel Church at 10:00 am, and again at 2:00 pm at Twin Hills School.

9) New Business:

A. Final Budget: Approval of 2019/2020 Final Budget:

Director Lachman made a motion to approve the final budget FY 2019/20. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Gloeckner - Aye

Charlie Lachman - Aye

Domenic Carinalli - Absent

Steve Petrucci - Aye

Christopher Tachouet - Aye

Mike Doyle- Aye

Joe Petersen- Aye

Aye: 6 Noes: 0 Absent/Not Voting: 1

Chief George mentioned there may be some accounts that will go over (legal account, newsletter and possibly our health insurance as we have not received our new rates)

B. Final Budgetary Transfers to complete FY 2018/2019 – adjust for actual revenues and expenses.

Chief George mentioned that the final budgetary transfers are complete for FY 2018/2019 and the accounts have been trued up with the money we received from strike team and property tax, CY secured.

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

11) **Closed Session:** Meeting closed at 8:22 pm for closed session

- A. Pursuant to Government Code §54957(e), the Board will hold a closed session for the following reason: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT:
District Fire Chief

Meeting re-opened at 9:39 pm

In conclusion of the meeting, the board offered Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary the Fire Chief position effective October 1, 2019. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary has accepted the position. Chief George will become the Assistant Chief effective October 1, 2019.

Director Gloeckner expressed his concern about staffing the Battalion Chief position, as we are currently short staffed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Director Lachman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero

Robert Gloeckner, Chair

Steve Petrucci, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Christopher Tachouet, Director

Mike Doyle, Director

Date Approved