*GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT*

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*Fire Chief*

**March 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station One. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and Chairman Al Fiori led the pledge to the flag.

Directors in attendance: Charles Lachman Ronald Balzer

Steve Petrucci Mike Doyle

**Closed Session** - Director Ronald Balzer suspended the meeting at 7:10 pm. The board met in closed session to discuss legal council’s memorandum, the offer from Stephen Smith for district property for tenant parking and legal counsel-anticipated litigation (Gov’t Code sect. 54956.9). The piece of property is not landlocked. (If it was he could have some rights). What would ten feet from the house look like? Would it be sufficient for him to put in a driveway? Chief Dan George will mark off the property. Since three board members are absent and it is dark, we will schedule a special meeting for March 14th at 5:30 with a closed session. We will have to get an appraisal to see what the value of that portion is.

Director Ronald Balzer re-opened the special meeting at 7:25 p.m. He reported that Fire Chief Dan George will mark off the property at 10’ from our current property line and the Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting on March 14th at 5:30 pm. Fire Chief Dan George will get an appraisal to see what the value of that portion is.

**Public Input** – none

**Correspondence** – From REDCOM: The Sea Ranch Volunteer Fire Department and the Annapolis Volunteer Fire Department are forming the North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District and detaching from County Service Area No. 40. They will join the JPA on April 1st. Discussion held.

**Approval of the February 2016 Revenues and Expenses**

Ruth Newman reported on the Bank Accounts Register Report and Petty Cash Fund. Discussion was held. Director Steve Petrucci made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed in the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Charles Lachman, and passed unanimously.

Expense Report #15-16-09 was reviewed. The annual fee to fund the HazMat Team was discussed. Director Charles Lachman made a motion to pay expenses #85 through #95 totaling $47,037.49. The motion was seconded by Director Ronald Balzer, and passed unanimously

**Operations Reports**

**Equipment Maintenance –** Assistant Chief Andy Pforsich reported on the monthly maintenance and repairs that were done. He also discussed the purchase of our next engine to replace Engine #8169. Dan and Andy will meet with Skip Grube to check out specifications for a new Type 3 Engine. We would like something a little smaller. The price should be around $265,000 to $300,000. The State bid probably saved us $25,000 to $30,000 in the past. The first payment would be due in the 2017/2018 fiscal year. Discussion held.

**Building Maintenance –** Fire Chief Dan George reported that everything is good.

**Personnel –** Fire Chief Dan George reported that since Josh Thomas left to take a position with San Jose and Larry O’Brien left to take a job in Stockton, we are down 2 positions. We are going to run an Engineer Test and also a Promotional Test. We are filling in with overtime. Jennifer Crayne started working for Gold Ridge Fire on February 17th. Jennifer will be doing the Bennett Valley bookkeeping. Gold Ridge Fire will bill Bennett Valley Fire for her hours until Ruth retires. Discussion held.

**General Information –** Director Lachman asked if we would be doing a newsletter this year. Chief Dan George said that we would. He would like us to include an article introducing Jennifer Crayne to the community.

**Financial Report –** Ruth Newman reviewed the Budget/Expense Reports and the fund balance. Discussion held.

**Training –** Battalion Chief Darrin DeCarli reported that we are doing Zone 8 Training. We did a Mini Mad Drill. We are looking to do more training with Sebastopol, Graton and the coastal people. Large animal rescue trainings were discussed. We are looking to put together a Regional Rescue Team. put on by Coastal Valley EMS. PG&E came in and did some training. This month we will be doing CPR Training. Discussion held.

**Fire Marshal’s Report –** Battalion Chief Darrin DeCarli said that there is a lot of local concern regarding the proposed Medical Marijuana Facility at Corbit’s Garage on Hwy 116 and Hessel Road. Their application is incomplete and may be denied. They have proposed greenhouses but are not supposed to grow. Discussion held.

Gravenstein School is getting rid of two modulars in back and putting in three new ones plus a hydrant system. They are funding it through a bond measure. Discussion held.

**Firefighters Associations –** Director Steve Petrucci reported that the Hessel Volunteer Firefighters’ Association Annual George & Marie Koenig Polenta Dinner went well. Discussion held.

**Explorer Post –**Greg Harlan reported that they have 15 Explorers, with 2 new Explorers. They are gearing up for the Academy in Oxnard. Advisors Greg Harlan, Tom Warren and Steve Dunbar will be going with them as Advisors. Discussion held.

**Old Business**

**UPDATE OF THE SONOMA COUNTY FIRE SERVICES AD-HOC COMMITTEE:** Chief Dan George reported that he had breakfast with the person who took over for Chris Thomas. The County will be turning over funds to REDCOM. The county is looking for fire department support for their new tax. We will meet by the 18th to give names for the county Regional Council. We will start contacting the Supervisors. Discussion held.

**UPDATE ON THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO STATION #2:** Fire Chief Dan George offered to sell the owner, Stephen Smith ten feet. He came back with a counter offer. Discussion held. Director Charles Lachman said, it is not a money issue. We do not have a well and may need the property. Discussion held.

**New Business -** none

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Steve Petrucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Charles Lachman and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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