



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

March 7, 2018 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 Robert Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) **Directors in Attendance:**

Mike Doyle	Joe Petersen
Robert Gloeckner	Charlie Lachman
Christopher Tachouet	

Directors Absent: Steve Petrucci
Dominic Carinalli

3) **Public Input:** None

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the February 7, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Tachouet to approve the February 7, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence:** None

6) Approval of the February 2018 Revenues and Expenses:

The revenues and expenses for the month of February were reviewed and discussed. February 2018 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Petersen made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich reported that the new engine should be ready for delivery next week. We are currently waiting on a replacement of a hinge. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated there were some batteries (3) bought for 8163.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated there is currently nothing to report. We have some minor improvements that need to be done. Director Tachouet stated the motion sensor light at Station 2 is not working. Chief George mentioned that the tenant next to Station 1 paid March's rent which included the new rent increase. Chief George inquired about the New Generator at Station 1, and Assistant Chief Pforsich stated it would be here in the next two (2) weeks.

Personnel – Battalion Chief Schipper stated two (2) employees have resigned. Engineer Dunbar will be working at San Francisco Police Department and Engineer Alvestal will be working with Cal Fire. Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned we will down two (2) engineers with these resignations, so we will be testing and possibly opening the positions up to other fire departments. Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned that we currently have two (2) open fire fighter positions and will be doing some testing in-house. Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned that Gold Ridge attended a recruitment night at Santa Rosa Junior College about a month ago, and received no new recruits from the program. Director Lachman asked if Gold Ridge's compensation is in line with other departments. Discussion Ensued
Director Gloeckner inquired about the criteria for the engineer test. Battalion Chief Schipper stated that they are still working on it. Discussion Ensured
Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned that his one concern is if they have their Paramedics Certificate, they may only be here for 6 months.

General Information – None

Financial Report – Chief George noted that the finances are looking good, and we should have our final numbers once we receive our property tax deposit. Director Lachman inquired about the Mutual Aid article in the Press Democrat. Chief George mentioned he would see Chief Gossner tomorrow and will find out more information. Discussion ensued

Director Lachman mentioned the newsletter and stated we need to inform the community. Battalion Chief DeCarli stated they have tried to reach out to the community and have only had a small turn out, and they don't seem to want to

change their habits. Chief George mentioned that a board member at Bennett Valley is working on a document for their community. Once it is complete we can start working on our newsletter. Director Petersen mentioned a grant through PG&E for Fire Safe Community Projects.

Discussion ensued.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli stated he is currently working on the CPR recertification training. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned that this Saturday is the training burn at the Walker house from around 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Director Gloeckner inquired about which departments will be participating. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated that Bennett Valley and Rincon Valley will be participating. Chief George stated he checked with Chief Heine at Windsor Fire in regards to the burn.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli stated he is currently working on some weed abatement issues, and the County wide ordinance which was brought up at our last meeting. Battalion Chief DeCarli mention the property on the corner of Bloomfield and Gravenstein Highway has been finally torn down and is currently being cleared out.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs mentioned the association dinner last week went well. Otherwise there was nothing to report. Chief George mentioned the Polenta feed had a great turnout, and he will check with Director Carinalli on the final numbers.

Explorer Post – Tom Warren stated the explorer numbers have been going up. Currently we are at seventeen (17), with six (6) going to the academy in April and one (1) graduating. Tow Warren mentioned the 50th Anniversary Explorer dinner will be held on April 21st, starting at 3:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm. The final numbers are still not known, but we are estimating around 120. The maximum will still be kept at 250. Discussion ensued

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

A. Appoint members to the Budget Committee: The following Directors were appointed to the budget committee. Director Carinalli, Director Petersen and Director Tachouet. Chief George stated that we will forward some budget paperwork to review.

B. RFP for Volunteer Fire Companies – Provide Administrative and Logistical support services: Chief George asked if there were any questions, and stated he does not have much to update. Chief George does know that Rincon Valley Fire grabbed mountain, Petaluma reached out for Zone 9, Cal Fire would like to merge all departments, Bodega Bay sent a letter of intent to participant in the RFP process, and Gold Ridge submitted a detailed RFP for Bloomfield, Bodega and Valley Ford. Chief George mention Zone 6 could be merging with Knights Valley. Chief George also mentioned that he didn't think the County wanted to be in the Fire Department business. Director Gloeckner asked if Chief Heine at Windsor/Rincon Fire has had any discussion with the City of Windsor, and Chief George stated "yes".

Discussion ensued.

Chief George mentioned items in the RFP are still up for negotiations, and that we are still not sure what staffing would be needed, and that extra staffing may just be needed at Station 1. Chief George mentioned the RFP is only for what is active, and at this time and Bloomfield currently has nothing, and that the RFP can be changed if needed.

Discussion ensued.

Director Tachouet states that we may have come in a little low on the RFP. Chief George stated that Assistant Chief Pforsich and I looked pretty closely at the numbers. Chief George mentioned that it is not his intention to go into something and lose money, and if you have any concerns please forward them to me for review. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated they did not break the RFP down detail by detail and there is definitely room in the RFP for changes. Director Gloeckner mentioned that the RFP that was submitted was just to get our foot in the door, and we will re-evaluate if it looks like we will be moving on.

10) **Good of the Order:** Director Petersen mentioned he attended Bodega's polenta feed and they had a good turnout. There were a lot of community members as well as support.

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Lachman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle 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