



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

August 1, 2018 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 Robert Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) **Directors in Attendance:**

Robert Gloeckner	Steve Petrucci
Mike Doyle	Charlie Lachman
Christopher Tachouet	

Directors Absent: Joe Petersen, Domenic Carinalli

3) **Public Input:** None

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the July 11, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Tachouet to approve the July 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence** – None.

6) Approval of the July 2018 Revenues and Expenses:

The revenues and expenses for the month of July were reviewed and discussed. July 2018 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Petrucci 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. Director Lachman asked if the \$20.00 covers the cost for making the address signs. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated he would check on this. Lieutenant Harlan stated the \$10,000 received was for the Grant Battalion Chief Shipper and Lieutenant Harlan applied for. This money will be used to

purchase about 20 sets of new wildland wear. Director Gloeckner inquired about the Lexipol agreement, and wanted to know exactly what they will be doing for the district. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated Lexipol will keep the district in compliance with all new policy and procedures. Discussion Ensued.

Director Lachman wanted to mention that his daughter works on grants for CBS and she wanted to know if there is something she could VET to help the district, and maybe we could think about it or set up something countywide. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated she may want to check with the Fire Recovery Fund. There is a fund set up that sends money directly to people who lost during the fires. This money is directly for the people who need it.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich mentioned that 8193 is having the pump rebuilt at Burtons, 8161 is out of service do to electronic issues, and 8192 is having starter issues and going in for service tomorrow. He also mentioned that the new pick up has been ordered and we are waiting for arrival date. Also, 8162 is still out at the Mendocino Complex fire.

Building Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich stated that Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary is moving on the flooring and has requested samples to review. Director Tachouet inquired about the kitchen at Station 1, and Assistant Chief Pforsich stated it's in the works for review

Personnel – Assistant Chief Pforsich mentioned on behalf of Battalion Chief Schipper that there were four (4) applicants for the open position. Three (3) were internal and one (1) from outside. Battalion Chief Schipper is proceeding with the interview process.

General Information – Director Gloeckner mentioned that he attended the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association meeting last week. Jim Colangelo with the county spoke in regards the “Silver Plan” he is going to approach the Board of Supervisors with on August 14th. He is also mentioned possibly putting a ½ cent sale tax on the ballot for fire services. This would generate approximately \$45 million dollars for stations and staffing. Discussion Ensued.

Director Lachman mentioned the article he read in the paper in regards to Fire Services at the parks. He is concerned the public will get confused and think this is for actual Fire Services. Assistant Fire Chief Pforsich stated it's probably for vegetation management, though we will look into this.

Financial Report – Nothing to report

Training – Nothing to report

Fire Marshal's Report – Assistant Chief Pforsich mentioned on behalf of Battalion Chief DeCarli that the weed abatement is still an outstanding issue and calls are still coming in and letters are being sent out. Assistant Chief Pforsich also mentioned that Battalion Chief DeCarli has been working with the County Fire Marshal James Williams on the vegetation management program and is making a big impact throughout the county. If the property is not brought into compliance the county fire chief may abate the hazardous vegetation and the abatement costs shall be a lien and an assessment against the real property.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs announced that there is a BBQ at the Freestone Fire Station on Friday August 3, 2018. Drinks at 5:00 pm, and dinner at 6:30 pm. Paul Hess will be attending the dinner and he will be presented with a plaque.

Explorer Post – Lieutenant Harlan stated that the explorers are doing well. There have been between 8 and 12 per drill, and they are active with signing up and doing ride-alongs.

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

A. Final Budget: Approval of 2018-2019 Final Budget: Director Lachman inquired about the Strike Team amount and if we should change it to reflect a more significant number. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated it was not needed as we do not know what we will receive each year, so we can never set that amount.

Discussion Ensued

Director Gloeckner inquired about the current debt we have on hand at this time.

Assistant Chief Pforsich stated that we do not have much (New Engine and Solar).

Director Gloeckner inquired about the money received from Bennett Valley quarterly, and how we will cover that income if the merge with Rincon/Windsor Fire happens. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated that this needed to be discussed with Chief George.

Director Tachouet stated we need to look at our staff, pay rate and benefits. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated this does need to be looked at, and will need to work on the part time, stipend and possibly increase salaries and benefits. Director Gloeckner mentioned we have a few options with our level of debt. Assistant Chief Pforsich mentioned we need to spend more on our intern program to keep recruits for 6 months to a year.

Discussion Ensued

Director Lachman made a motion to approve the final budget FY 2018/19. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Gloeckner - Aye

Domenic Carinalli - Absent

Charlie Lachman - Aye

Steve Petrucci - Aye

Chris Tachouet - Aye

Mike Doyle- Aye

Joe Petersen- Absent

Aye: 5 Noes: 0 Absent/Not Voting: 2

B. Final Budgetary Transfers to complete FY 2017/2018 - adjust for actual revenues and expenses. Administrative Assistant Lisa Guerrero mentioned that the accounts have been trued up with the money we received from strike teams.

10) **Good of the Order:** Assistant Chief Pforsich mentioned as an FYI that in a couple of years 8193 will need to be replaced, as it is 27 years old.

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Petrucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero

Robert Gloeckner, Chair

Mike Doyle, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Steve Petrucci, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Christopher Tachouet, Director

Date Approved