



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

February 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 2, 1680 Watertrough Rd. Sebastopol, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Director Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Roll Call of Directors:**

Robert Gloeckner	Dominic Carinalli
Joe Petersen	Christopher Tachouet
Charlie Lachman	David Warburg

Directors Absent: Steve Petrucci
- 3) **Public Input:** None
- 4) **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):** The minutes from the January 4, 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Lachman to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Warburg and passed unanimously.
- 5) **Correspondence:** None
- 6) **Approval of the Financial Reports:** The revenues and expenses for the month of January 2023 were reviewed and discussed. Director Tachouet made a motion to approve the January 2023 Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.
- 7) **Reports:**
 - a) **Operations Report:**
 - i) **Equipment Maintenance:** See attached report Assistant Chief Pforsich.
 - ii) **Building Maintenance:** See attached report Assistant Chief George.
 - iii) **Personnel:** Nothing to report
 - b) **Training:** See attached report from Battalion Chief DeGraffenreid.
 - c) **Fire Marshal's Report:** See attached report from Battalion Chief DeCarli.
 - d) **Firefighters Associations:** Nothing to report
 - e) **Explorer Post:** Tom reported that they are currently working on an advanced line drill, there are about 18 explorers, 9-11 attending each week. CPR training is next week.

- f) **Consolidation Ad-Hoc:** Nothing to report
- g) **Fire Chief's Report:** Fire Chief Schroth-Cary gave a brief report on LAFCO, he will be meeting with LAFCO ad-hoc next week. He also commended the crews who responded on the fire on 1/29 on a job well done and that he was very proud of their response.

8) **OLD BUSINESS:**

9) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Board adoption of Resolution 22/23-05, which identifies the terms and conditions for District employees who respond to incidents away from their official duty station, amending the prior resolution to account for the addition of non-suppression staff, and to fulfill the requirement for the District's California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) Director Petersen made a motion to adopt Resolution 22/23-05. The motion was seconded by Director Tachouet and passed unanimously.
- b) The District is seeking Board approval and direction to hire a limited-term Division Chief of Operations. Director Warburg made a motion to approve the hiring of this position. The motion was seconded by director Petersen and passed unanimously.

10) **Good of the Order:** Director Lachman suggested that the board review the Fire Chief in closed session at a future date.

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. The motion was seconded by Director Warburg and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Leslie McCormick, Board Clerk

3/1/23

Date approved by board

February Board Meeting – Reports

Equipment Maintenance Report Submitted by Assistant Chief Andy Pforsich

8169 returned from Twin Oaks after a thorough and extensive evaluation concluding that its performance cannot be improved upon. Therefore, we've decided to proceed with the sale of both 8163 and 8169. Old B8, which will become 8142, experienced a transmission failure and is at Santa Rosa Hydramatic. The new transmission arrived Monday and should be completed by Friday. The new transmission is \$6,500 and an upgraded, heavy-duty model was offered at \$10,000. Considering its future assignment as a utility, we opted for the less-expensive, standard-duty unit. The unanticipated failure of 8100 and B8's transmissions, as well as the failure of 8182's Class A foam system, accounted for almost half of the annual maintenance budget. After paying the bill to Santa Rosa Hydramatic next month, we'll be over budget. For the remainder of the fiscal year discretionary repairs and equipment upgrades will be deferred allowing only for essential repairs and maintenance.

Building Maintenance Report submitted by Assistant Chief

All Gold Ridge properties are now under Gold Ridge Fire Protection District.

Met with architect yesterday, should have some draft drawings by next meeting.

Adobe has completed the ground water sampling for septic leach lines. They are working on system size.

Both app bay heaters out at station 2, HVAC company will be out on Thursday to investigate.

Pick-up trucks being built this week, should see them middle March from Lehr

Tahoe will be built the week of March 13, 2023

Training Report submitted by Gino DeGraffenried

Monthly Topic: CPR

Ongoing: Company Standards and Engineer Development

- Members completed 377 hours of training
- Steve Dunbar completed Rescue Search Specialist in Long Beach, funded by Marin RTF
- Ethan McNamara completed Driver Operator 1B in Woodland
- Multi Company Water Rescue Training in flood conditions in Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa and the Russian River

6814 Hours by 60 Members in 2022

Prevention Report Submitted by Battalion Chief DeCarli

Significant Event:

At approximately 4:45am on Sunday 1/29, we were dispatched to a reported structure fire with a possible rescue. While enroute, crews were advised that there may be a female in the structure with a dog. First arriving engine gave a report of a working fire in a room attached to the main house and going into rescue mode. Crews forced the door and found a woman asleep in the bedroom portion of the structure. They assisted the woman out of the structure and began fire suppression activities. While performing suppression and conducting a primary search of the fire room, crews encountered a female victim to the rear of the structure. Crews advised of the victim and extricated the victim to the exterior of the structure where additional crews began CPR. Crews re-entered the structure and continued with their search and located a second victim. This victim was extricated to the exterior and additional crews began performing CPR on this victim as well. After approximately 30 minutes of CPR, both victims were pronounced at the scene. While crews were performing CPR, the fire suppression crew continued to extinguish the fire. Outstanding work by our Gold Ridge firefighters as well as our neighbors with Rancho Adobe, Sebastopol, Sonoma County Fire District and SLS. Cause is currently under investigation.

Prevention cont.

Percentage of total calls for Jan 2023:

Fires: 3%

Medical/TC: 35%

Hazardous Conditions: 32%

Public Assist and Good Intent: 30%

Total Calls for the month of Jan 2023: 219

Total Calls for the month of Jan 2022: 123

Net Increase: 96

Jan 4: 42 calls

Jan 5: 36 calls

COVID-19

Nothing to report.