



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

June 13, 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 Chair Robert Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2) Directors in Attendance:

Christopher Tachouet	Robert Gloeckner
Mike Doyle	Steve Petrucci
Charlie Lachman	Domenic Carinalli

Directors Absent: Joe Petersen

3) Public Input – None

4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the May 2, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Tachouet to approve the May 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

5) Correspondence – Chief George mentioned the email from Lynda Hopkins. This will be discussed later in the Agenda.

6) Approval of the May 2018 Revenues and Expenses: The revenues and expenses for the month of May were reviewed and discussed. May 2018 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Carinalli 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 Gloeckner asked if all the Strike Team money has been received, and Chief George responded 'yes'. The only thing outstanding at this time is the incident from last week, and that will reflect in 2018-2109 FY. Director Gloeckner mentioned there was a fine for the Bay Area Air Quality of \$500.00. Chief George stated the fine was for Station 2, as we were unable to provide maintenance records. Director Gloeckner mentioned there was a deposit of \$20,000 and wanted to know if this was for the property next to Station 2. Chief George stated that's

correct and that the fence should be last piece to take care of. Chief George will follow up with the tenant and see what the plans are for this property. Discussion Ensued

Director Lachman inquired about the \$500.00 donation from the Animal Hospital of Sebastopol and wanted to know if this was a new donation. Chief George stated 'yes', they donated last year and again this year.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Assistant Chief Pforsich mentioned there have been a couple of oil changes, few parts and a repair to the generator at Station 3.

Director Gloeckner inquired about the old engine for sale and wanted to know if we have had any offers. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated that we have had a few offers. Discussion Ensued

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary noted there was nothing to report, though he did provide a graph and spreadsheet in regards to the Solar for the Board review. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary mentioned we are currently seeing a change in billing at Station 1, though we are still waiting on Station 2 to catch up. Director Gloeckner would like an updated report in six (6) months to review again.

Personnel – Battalion Chief Schipper mentioned that two (2) fire fighters were promoted to the P/T positions (J. Stykel & I. Kangas). Battalion Chief Schipper stated we currently have two (2) interns, and three (3) more applicants applying. Chief George asked if there will be an Engineers test coming up. Battalion Chief Schipper stated he is currently working on this.

Discussion Ensued

General Information – None.

Financial Report – Chief George mentioned that we are still waiting on the final tax roll from the county and this should happen early July. Chief George stated that the projected budget report with the accounts highlighted in green, are estimates so we can have an idea on what we are looking at for the end of the fiscal year. Chief George mentioned we will need to true up the accounts that have gone over budget, and this will be done with the strike team revenue. Once this is done we will have some money left over and my suggestions would be to pay off some debt, per the following "Memo" I have provided. The following items I would suggest we pay off are as follows: Lease for the 2015 Chevy Tahoe, 2015 Silverado pick-up. The following items I would suggest we purchase are as follows: Flooring for Station 1, 5 TK -790 Mobile Radios and New B-81 Silverado 2019 pick-up. The total of these items are roughly around \$78,000.00. Director Gloeckner asked if the amount for the flooring included all areas. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated 'yes'. Director Tachouet asked about support and repairs on

the out dated Mobile Radios we will purchase, and if that would be an issue. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated he does not think there will be an issue with support and repairs. Chief George mentioned there is still some other upgrading that needs to be done, though we can look at this again when we get to the final budget and look at some items that may need to be taken care of next year. Director Carinalli inquired about the pick-up we are looking to purchase and wanted to know who had decided on what to purchase. Chief George stated we are going with the same vehicle we have now, just a newer version with the same specs. Director Gloeckner asked about the mileage on the truck we are replacing. Assistant Chief Pforsich stated it currently has around 100,000 miles. Director Gloeckner inquired about what we would still owe if we paid off the items in the "Memo". Chief George stated the only items we will owe on will be the New Fire Engine 8162, and the Solar. Discussion Ensued

Director Lachman mentioned if we will be working on a cover for the well at Station 2. Chief George stated it is on the list.

A motion was made by Director Lachman to approve paying off and purchasing the following items per the "Memo": Pay-off the lease on 2015 Chevy Tahoe and 2015 Silverado pick-up; Purchase new flooring for Station 1, 5 new TK-790 Mobile Radio and a new B-81 Silverado pick-up for the FY 2017/2018. The motion was seconded by Director Tachouet.

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned we are moving forward with wildland training. Battalion Chief DeCarli also mentioned that tomorrow June 14th there will be a Challenge Coin Presentation at 6:30 pm at Station 1 by the Board of Supervisor from the District. Chief George mentioned that the Challenge Coins are for the first responders and their services during the October 2017 fires in Sonoma County. Discussion Ensued

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned the weed abatement notices have gone up from last year. Battalion Chief DeCarli had a meeting with James Williams in regards to the pilot program ordinance from last year. Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned working with the county in regards to weed abatement. First notice, no compliance you would be referred to the county. You would then have fifteen (15) days to comply. If you don't comply within the 15 day notice from the county, the county will hire a contractor to complete the work and then a lien will be filed on the property for services provided by the county and contractor.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs reported that there was a smaller turn out this year for the pancake breakfast at Station 2. She also mentioned that the Freestone station will be having a BBQ on August 3rd, and they will be honoring Paul Hess with a plaque for his service.

Explorer Post – Battalion Chief DeCarli mentioned there is a drill tonight for the explorers. Director Petrucci wanted to thank the explorers for working the pancake breakfast at Station 1 and stated they did a great job and worked hard (setting up, serving, clean up, etc.). Battalion Chief DeCarli wanted to thank the explorers as well for doing a great job at Station 1's pancake breakfast.

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business:

A. Resolution 17/18-03: Resolution 17/18-03 request consolidation with the November 8, 2018 General Election. The directors up for re-election are: Gloeckner, Carinalli, Petrucci, Doyle and Tachouet.

Director Carinalli made a motion to approve the Resolution 17/18-03 requesting consolidation with the November 8, 2018 General Election. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

B. Candidates Statement of Qualifications: The board discussed whether the candidates statements should be limited to 200 or 400 words and if the District or candidate will bear the cost of the statement.

Director Tachouet made the motion to limit the candidate statements to 200 words and the cost shall be covered by the District. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

C. FY 2017/2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Chairman Gloeckner opened the floor for the public hearing at 7:48 pm asking for any public input on the 2018/2019 Preliminary Budget.

There being no public input, Chairman Gloeckner closed the public hearing at 7:50 pm.

The board reviewed the Preliminary Budget and asked questions of Chief George and the budget committee. Director Gloeckner asked if there were any changes. Chief George state there was not much to change. Chief George noted that this is just the preliminary budget, so we don't have a lot to change. Once we get the final tax roll from the county in July, the budget committee will meet again and review the numbers. Director Lachman inquired about raises for the staff and if they were in the budget. Chief George stated the budget committee will look at that budget line when we get to the final budget.

Director Petrucci approved the preliminary budget. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli.

D. Fire Funding Proposal: Chief George stated that there was an email sent out to all the Chiefs in West County from Lynda Hopkins (email in agenda packet). The email talks about the lack of affordable housing in our county, and how to invest in rural fire and emergency services. Here is some current "Draft" proposal for funding allocations:

- **\$2M/year: Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation.** This fund will provide financial and programmatic assistance for property owners to implement defensible space, home hardening, shaded fuel breaks, and fuel load reduction. This includes contracting with local fire agencies to perform inspections and implement risk reduction, as well as an expansion of the County's chipper program.
- **\$3.5M/year: Enhanced rural fire services.** This fund will provide increased staffing — and maintenance of existing staffing levels, for agencies facing budget deficits — to help Sonoma County implement the Silver Plan, which the Fire Services Advisory Council has identified as the minimum staffing levels needed for sustainable rural fire services. This will mean new paid staff in unincorporated areas. Fund disbursement will be contingent upon regionalization of services. ALS-trained firefighting staff will also be eligible for funds, in recognition of the fact that fire agencies are the primary emergency services safety net for rural areas.
- **\$4M/year: Workforce & affordable housing.** This funding could be used for firefighter or public service employee housing, to finance ADUs for homeowners, or workforce/affordable housing. Affordable housing partners will help develop the expenditure plan. Priority will be for unincorporated urban service areas.

Lynda Hopkins was going to bring this up in the meeting with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on the 11th of June, and wanted support for the local districts. Chief George mentioned to Lynda that our board will not be meeting until after the 11th therefore the subject hasn't been discussed. Chief George stated that Lynda neglected to discuss with the county prior to the meeting, therefore the information was never discussed.

Chief George mentioned that the County of Supervisors approved funding at the meeting on the 11th in which will allocated \$100,000 to each zone for recruitment and staffing. Chief George mentioned he will know more after tomorrow's meeting.

Chief George mentioned that Bodega and Valley Ford are talking about looking into a Stipend Program. Gold Ridge will also look into a similar program.

Chief George also mentioned the Gold, Silver and Bronze plan, and that they will discuss this in tomorrow's meeting with the Fire Service Advisory Commission. The goal is to send the Silver plan to the County. Director Gloeckner asked where the money will come from. Chief George stated in order for County Fire Services to go away, they will need to get rid of salaries, meaning dismantling County Fire Services.

10) Good of the Order: None

11) Adjournment: There being no further business, Director Lachman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Tachouet 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