



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Daniel J George, Fire Chief

November 1, 2017 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) The newly elected board member, Christopher Tachouet took his Oath of Office presented by Board Chairman Robert Gloeckner.

3) **Directors in Attendance:**

Domenic Carinalli	Mike Doyle
Steve Petrucci	Joe Petersen
Charlie Lachman	Robert Gloeckner

Directors Absent: None

4) **Public Input:** Bill Northcroft who resides at 1731 Brandee Lane in the Coffey Park wanted to thank everyone who was out there fighting the fires. He praised the men and women who saved their homes. Mr. Northcroft and a group of neighbors would like to show there thanks by having a get together for the department. Fire Chief George stated they could open up the firehouse for a gathering and provided Mr. Northcroft with his business card, so he could get in touch with him.

5) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the October 4, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Carinalli approve the October 4, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence** – The district received many “Thank you” letters, cards, etc. due to the recent fires in Sonoma County. There has been a binder put together for everyone see.

Chief George mentioned the SCFDA meeting scheduled for the 26th of October was cancelled due to the Sonoma County fires. It has been rescheduled for January at the Kenwood Fire Station.

6) Approval of the October 2017 Revenues and Expenses:

The revenues and expenses for the month of October were reviewed and discussed. October 2017 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Lachman inquired about our service with Innovative Business Solutions (IBS). Chief George responded that we have had no issues with IBS and our staff seems to be having no issues as well.

Director Petersen made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

7) Operations Reports:

Equipment Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported there are only miscellaneous items needing repairs at this time. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that the new engine delivery date is scheduled for the 1st week of December.

Chief George reported that there will be documents from the financing company for review at the next board meeting in December.

Building Maintenance – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported the driveways have been sealed at both stations, and they will be back to finish the striping. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported the solar project at Station 1 is still waiting on PG&E, and Station 2 is set for December. Discussion ensued

Personnel – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that there have been no changes in personnel, and wanted to mention that everyone stepped up during the fires to help out. Discussion ensued

General Information – None

Financial Report – Chief George reported that prior to the October 8th fires; the district was owed around \$171,000 for State and Federal Strike Team fires. Chief George noted that Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary has been working on the invoices for the

current fires in Sonoma County and the outstanding balanced owed for these fires are around \$236,000.00. Discussion ensued

Training – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported on the drills and the training last month. Chief George noted that at this time we are not allowed to use the Walker road house for training, per the city. This is due to the current fires in the county. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary noted there are two other houses in the district we could possible use if needed.

Fire Marshal's Report – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that the weed abatement calls are back on the rise. Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that the chipper program is up, and in force as well. Also, Cal Fire will be lifting the burn ban, with a permit only. Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that they have received several calls for inspections on several properties.

Firefighters Associations – Janney Kovacs reported there will be a Chili Cook Off at Station 2 tomorrow night. Janney Kovacs also mentioned that the association has finished the ramps they were building at Chief Pforsichs house for his son Carson. Virgil Peters inquired about the Holiday party, and wanted to know if a date has been set. Chief George stated it will be the 2nd Friday in December, so please mark the calendar for December 8th, 2017. Virgil Peters reported that the Appreciation dinner will be moved to next year.

Explorer Post – Chief George spoke with Tom Warren in regards to the anniversary party scheduled for April 2018. They are still working on a location, though the headcount will be capped at 250 and it will be a first come first serve basis. Chief George asked Director Petrucci and Director Carnalli if they are still interested in doing the cooking for this event. Director Petrucci, Director Carnalli, Chief George and Tom Warren will get together to discuss what they can provide in regards to food.

8) Old Business: None

9) New Business: None

10) Good of the Order: Director Petersen mentioned that everyone he has spoken with in regards to the recent fires has had nothing but stellar words to say about everyone.

Director Petersen stated of course there will be criticism, but hopefully as a department we can reflect on the good. Discussion ensued

Director Gloeckner stated he has spoken with many people and they were very thankful. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated that he has received a lot of "thank yous" for all the work the firefighters provided during the recent fires in October.

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 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