



## **GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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*Daniel J George, Fire Chief*

### **October 4, 2017 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:**

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

Directors Absent: None

3) **Public Input:** None

#### **4) Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes from the September 6, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Carinalli approve the September 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence** – The district received two letters in regards to our staff attending the strike team fire in Mariposa. One letter was from Novato Fire District and one from Yosemite.

Chief George mentioned there will be an SCFDA meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October at the Kenwood Fire Station. Please make sure to RSVP.

#### **6) Approval of the September 2017 Revenues and Expenses:**

The revenues and expenses for the month of September were reviewed and discussed. September 2017 Bank Register was reviewed. Director Lachman made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses listed on the Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

## 7) Operations Reports:

**Equipment Maintenance** – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported no major equipment changes, only minor services are being performed at this time. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that he will be traveling with Battalion Chief Schipper and Lieutenant Harlan the second week of October to inspect the new fire truck.

**Building Maintenance** – Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported there is nothing currently going on at this time. Solar project at Station 1 is waiting on PG&E. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary stated he spoke with the Project Manager, and Station 2 is set for December. Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that they are currently working on enclosing the workout area at Station 1.

Battalion Chief Schroth-Cary reported that he is currently working on the rent increase for the rental property next to Station 1. Based on the area, the monthly rent is currently running around \$2,000.00.

A discussion ensued.

The board decided to apply a rent increase of \$500.00 broken down over the next year in 2018. The first rent increase will be in effect as of January 1, 2018 in the amount of \$250.00, and the second rent increase will take effect as of July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$250.00. At this point the tenant will be at the new monthly rate of \$2,000.00.

**Personnel** – Battalion Chief Schipper reported that there have been no changes in personnel. Cal Fire employees have been slowly trickling back in.

**General Information** – Chief George reported he received a letter from the County approving the lot line. Director Lachman asked if we will receive a revised deed from the county. Chief George will follow up on this issue.

**Financial Report – Nothing to report**

**Training** – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported on the drills and the training last month.

**Fire Marshal's Report** – Battalion Chief DeCarli reported that the weed abatement calls are dying down.

**Firefighters Associations** – Janney Kovacs reported there will be an association meeting tomorrow night.

**Explorer Post** – Chief George met with Tom in regards to the anniversary party scheduled for April 2018. They are still working on a location, and will need to review the head count. Currently the count is anywhere from 250 to 450. They will need to work on getting a more accurate count.

## **8) Old Business: Interview and Appointment**

Director Gloeckner asked the two candidates Christopher Tachouet and David Warburg to provide a brief background about each other:

Candidate Warburg stated he has been in fire service for 58 years and is currently a consultant and a therapist.

Candidate Tachouet stated he was raised in Marin County, and has worked as a volunteer for the district and has seen the department grow as well as seen a lot changes.

Director Gloeckner addressed the other board members, and asked if they had any questions for the applicants.

Director Petersen stated he spoke with both candidates prior, and at this time he has no questions.

Director Doyle stated Chris Tachouet has been here a long time, and knows the district and the board. Director Doyle felt Chris Tachouet was qualified.

Director Petrucci stated this is a tough decision and that both candidates are very qualified.

Director Lachman stated he would like each of the candidates to tell the directors where you would like to see the district going in the future.

Candidate Tachouet stated he would like to see us grow, and his vision would be for us to take over more responsibility, get stronger and more support volunteers.

Candidate Warburg stated he agrees with the growth and also would like to address our core. We don't inform the community enough on what we do, and would like to see more community involvement. We need a balance to maintain volunteers, and how can we do this moving forward? A balancing point is what he can bring to the table.

Director Carinalli asked Candidate Warburg, do you just want to grow as a department?

Candidate Warburg stated growth is an opportunity for the district, though you don't have to take it, but it is an opportunity.

Candidate Tachouet replied to the growth question – Demographics have pushed us that way and we have had some struggles over the years. There are definitely areas we can improve.

Candidate Tachouet replied that the number one concern is consolidation. Growth is a consolidation, and consolidating could bring people together as well as others philosophy's.

Candidate Warburg replied that our responsibility is to our district right now. Being able to work in a cohesive fashion, though it's tough to merge, and flexibility would definitely be a keeper.

Director Petersen stated he enjoyed talking with both of you and feel you are both qualified, though I am still unable to make a decision.

Director Gloeckner stated we will be appointing a director today, and this will be for Director Fiori's remaining 3 year term.

Director Gloeckner addressed the board members, and requested them to please cast votes for appointing our new board member.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Lachman – David

Director Carinalli - David

Director Gloeckner – Chris

Director Petrucci - Chris

Director Doyle - Chris

Director Petersen - David

The votes are currently split, so we will need to cast votes again.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Lachman - Chris

Director Carinalli - David

Director Gloeckner - Chris

Director Petrucci - Chris

Director Doyle - Chris

Director Petersen – David

Director Petrucci made a motion to approve the vote for Chris Tachouet. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and carried by the following roll call vote.

**Roll Call:**

Charlie Lachman- Aye

Joe Petersen- No

Mike Doyle- Aye

Steve Petrucci-Aye

Robert Gloeckner- Aye

Domenic Carinalli- No

Motion Carried: Aye: 4    Noes: 2    Absent/Not Voting: 0

**9) New Business:** None

**10) Good of the Order:** None

**11) Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Carinalli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Guerrero*

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Robert Gloeckner, Chair

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Steve Petrucci, Director

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Charles Lachman, Director

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Domenic Carinalli, Director

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Joe Petersen, Director

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Mike Doyle, Director

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Date Approved