



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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

May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

1) **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm with Director Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) **Roll Call of Directors:**

Robert Gloeckner	Joe Petersen
Charlie Lachman	Christopher Tachouet
Dominic Carinalli	Steve Petrucci
Tonia Bello	

Directors Absent: None

3) **Public Input:** No input from the public. Director Tachouet made a motion to add Resolution 20/21-04 State of California Fire Prevention grant program to new business. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the April 7, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Carinalli to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lachman and passed unanimously.

5) **Correspondence:** None

6) **Approval of the Financial Reports:** The revenues and expenses for the month of April were reviewed and discussed. Director Lachman made a motion to approve the April 2021 Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Bello and passed unanimously.

7) **Reports:**

a) **Operations Report:**

- i) **Equipment Maintenance:** Assistant Chief Andy Pforsich reported – see attached report.
- ii) **Building Maintenance:** Assistant Chief George reported – see attached report.
- iii) **Personnel:** Lt. Harlan reported that Gold Ridge currently has 6 interns, with an interview scheduled for a 7th. He said that we continue to have 3-0 staffing at each station every day through the month of May utilizing the interns, non-resident firefighters, and volunteers working stipend shifts. He reported that he attended the SRJC FF1 academy intern recruitment on April 16th. On April 25th we completed a competitive in-house Firefighter/Engineer testing process to fill future vacancies. There were 14 applicants who tested for the position, they completed a written test, oral panel interview, and 3 different manipulative skill stations.

- b) **Training:** Fire Chief Schroth-Cary reported that there was an extrication training held at Cream's Towing. BC DeCarli added that there will be a mandatory training regarding PTSD Awareness on May 20th at Station 1.
 - c) **Prevention Report:** See attached report from Battalion Chief DeCarli.
 - d) **Firefighters Associations:** The Gold Ridge Firefighters Association will be having a meeting tomorrow. The Gold Ridge Paid Firefighters Association presented Director Doyle with a gift recognizing his years of service on the board.
 - e) **Explorer Post:** See attached report.
 - f) **Fire Chief's Report:** Fire Chief Schroth-Cary reported that budget meetings are underway. He also reported that we will be signing another 2 year contract with the county for Enhanced Services and NBF. He said that the FSWAG's main focus right now is to get the sales tax passed.
- 8) **Old Business:**
- a) Board approval to move forward with the installation of the Groundwater Monitoring well at Station 1 as previously proposed by Mitch Buttress from the Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Director Lachman made a motion to decline the proposal. The motion to decline was seconded by Director Tachouet and passed unanimously.
- 9) **New Business:**
- a) The district is requesting board approval to pay off the loan for the solar panels in this current fiscal year 2020/21. Director Petersen moved, Director Lachman seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - b) The district is requesting board approval to pay off the loan for the type 3 engine in this current fiscal year 2020/21. Director Petersen moved, Director Petrucci seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - c) The district is requesting board approval to apply for a grant through the State of California to carry out the Gold Ridge DSI Program. Director Petersen moved, Director Lachman seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- 10) **Good of the Order:** Director Bello reported that she is currently working with the newly formed Recognition Committee which will oversee the process of promotion recognition and service awards. See attached for scope of committee.
- 11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Director Carinalli and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie McCormick

Robert Gloeckner, Board Chair

Steve Petrucci, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Christopher Tachouet, Director

Tonia Bello, Director

Date Approved