



GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Fire Chief Shepley Schroth-Cary

January 8, 2020 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 7:03pm with Director Gloeckner leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Roll Call of Directors:**

Robert Gloeckner	Mike Doyle
Charlie Lachman	Steve Petrucci
Joe Petersen	Christopher Tachouet
	Dominic Carinalli
- 3) **Public Input:** None.
- 4) **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the December 2, 2019 special meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Tachouet to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously. The minutes from the December 11, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Carinalli to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.
- 5) **Correspondence:** Assistant Fire Chief George reported to the board that the next Fire Districts Association meeting is on January 23rd in Glen Ellen, 6pm social hour, 7pm dinner. Please RSVP if you'd like to attend.
- 6) **Approval of the Financial Reports:** The revenues and expenses for the month of December were reviewed and discussed. Director Tachouet made a motion to approve the December 2019 Bank Accounts Register Report. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously. Blake Goranson was in attendance to present the 18/19 FY Draft Audit Report. She complimented the district on its organization and budget consciousness and said that despite personnel changes the audit went smoothly.
- 7) **Reports:**
 - a) **Operations Report:**
 - i) **Equipment Maintenance:** Assistant Fire Chief Pforsich reported that 8192 is getting new front tires, 8182 is getting new hose and radiator repair. He said that the oil samples are in and the bid for the new water tender is due by the 17th of this month.
 - ii) **Building Maintenance:** Assistant Fire Chief George reported that pressure washing at station 2 is complete as well as the high painting.
 - iii) **Personnel:** Fire Chief Schroth-Cary reported that Lt. Harlan had 2 intern interviews and accepted them both. The Chief also congratulated Dan Pforsich and Bennett Holden for completing the engineer test and promoting to the FF/Engineer qualified position.
 - b) **Training:** See attached report submitted by BC DeGraffenreid.

- c) **Fire Marshal's Report** – Fire Chief Schroth-Cary reported that new burn packets have been dropped off by BAAQMD for open burn season.
 - d) **Firefighters Associations** – Janney reported that there will be a joint association Dinner next month. Chief Schroth-Cary asked that Denny Rosatti, Jackie and Kevin Jorgenson be invited.
 - e) **Explorer Post** – None
 - f) **Fire Chief's Report** – Chief Schroth-Cary reported that there were 1224 calls in 2019, our highest volume yet. 65 fire related calls made up 5% of the total and 654 medical calls accounted for 53% of the total calls for 2019.
- 8) **Old Business:**
- a) **Long Range Committee Update:** Director Gloeckner, Director Petersen, and Director Tachouet will meet with Zone 5 representatives to discuss the proposed cooperative agreement on January 21st at 3:30pm at Gold Ridge Station 1. Director Petersen welcomed the zone 5 representatives that were in attendance. Director Lachman implored zone 5 to think about and voice their position regarding the LAFCO report.
 - b) **Parcel tax update:** In keeping with the timeline of tasks created by Bill Adams, the board will vote to set the parcel tax tonight. Next, Chief Schroth-Cary and will meet with Lindsay VanMidde from the county controller's office to review parcels.
- 9) **New Business:**
- a) Board determination and approval of new tax rate: **(Action Item)** Director Lachman made a motion to set the 2019 Special Parcel Tax at the full rate as shown on Exhibit A in the board packet (see attached). The motion was seconded by Director Petrucci and passed unanimously.
 - b) Board establish Labor Negotiation Committee: **(Action Item)** Director Tachouet made a motion that the board form a Labor Negotiating Committee consisting of Directors Lachman, Carinalli and Petrucci. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously. The committee will meet on February 11th at 5pm at Gold Ridge Station 1.
 - c) Board review and approval of updated healthcare caps: **(Action Item)** Director Lachman made a motion to approve the updated healthcare caps at the following amounts: Employee only = \$689, Employee + 1 dependent = \$1366, Employee + 2 or more dependents = \$1776. The motion was seconded by Director Doyle and passed unanimously.
 - d) Board discussion and approval to hire a consultant to evaluate regionalization vs. a single county fire district. If approved the board will also determine the budget for this expense: **(Discussion/Action Item)** No action taken. A long discussion ensued regarding a report that Supervisor Hopkins had requested at the LAFCO meeting on December 4th. The FSWAG is working on a report that should be available next week. Chief Schroth-Cary will also work on a report – both lining out viable options Supervisor Hopkins had requested which support the idea of the regionalization approach to consolidation.

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

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Director Carinalli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Petersen and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie McCormick

Robert Gloeckner, Chair

Steve Petrucci, Director

Charles Lachman, Director

Domenic Carinalli, Director

Joe Petersen, Director

Christopher Tachouet, Director

Mike Doyle, Director

Date Approved