



GOLDEN GATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes January 16, 2014 at Station #1

7:07 PM

President Dave Primmer called meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present - Dave Primmer, Sue Urban, Steve Green, Jim Peters
also administrative assistant Mike Urban was present

FF present: Chief Roozen

Public present: Sheila Carlon

Public comments: Sheila asked if Jeffco has a large animal rescue plan during fires?
Chief and Dave P. said Jeffco will take large animals if FD asks them to.

Sheila also asked about helping elderly people during a fire and if there is a list of those who may need help? Dave knows of no list but he is aware of local elderly people. It was decided that neighbors are the main help in these situations. Mike will search the records for a list to see if one exists.

Talk about notification to residents during emergency ensues. Chief said locked gates will slow notification to those residences.

December 2013 Minutes

December Minutes signed and approved unanimously

7:27

Additions or deletions to agenda - none

Treasurer's Report – Sue Urban

Donations received for month were:

\$500 Roberta and Arthur Davis, Judy Busby \$100, Toni Payne \$100 – THANK YOU TO ALL!!

YTD we are \$23K under budget for 2013

We still need to fund LOSAP, In past we have not included LOSAP at Great Western on balance sheet.

\$510 Losap underfunding in past years discussed.

Steve made a motion to fund the above amount – board approved unanimously

(monies on hand cents not included)

\$100,098.00 in checking

\$1669.00 in FD acct

\$139.00 petty cash

in reserve account there is \$31,768.00

CD \$36,742.00

Total available from all accounts \$170,419.00

Treasurer's report unanimously approved

complete Treasurer's report on file

Chief's report by Chief Dan Roozen

one call in the last month – a structure fire on Robinson Hill Road. 18:44

Ffs & chief are improving station #1 meeting room.

Obtaining pricing for 4000 gl water tank for station #2 and hopes to have it in by next meeting.

Finishing up state EMS grant, working with Timberline on combined training.

Structure fire – total loss, were high winds, spread to wildlands but was quickly extinguished, no for sure cause of fire found, 9 departments were on scene, went through 50K gallons of water, parking at fire was an issue- not enough room for fire truck to keep distance from fire, windshield broke on fire truck, FD porta-pond broke due to need for set up on uneven surface, no injuries of Ffs, residents were not home



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Steve asked if a monitored fire alarm would have helped? Answer was yes for both locating fire and for response time.

Evergreen Dispatch – chief received an IGA however it none of the board had seen it, board had some questions – few answers available at this meeting, Dave P tabled this topic.

Chief's report approved unanimously.

King Soopers Card report for month of December- \$644 received

Unfinished Business

Res to Adopt IFC – Steve said he sent it to the BOCC via certified mail.

DPZ rewriting the LDR, Steve said he was involved with county and fire marshal on this.

Elections – Polling Place or Mail-in ballot? Discussion ensued about costs of each.

Mike suggested our accounting firm Tromberg and Associates can help Paul Trost during elections for an hourly rate. Steve reminded all that there is money budgeted to help pay for this. 42:18

Discussion of seats up for election – 4 board seats up for election, Steve's seat goes for another 2 years.

If there are no challengers for board seats we save substantial money and can avoid the election. General discussion on elections followed.

Polling place versus mail-in ballot question continued. There is \$10K in budget for election, however all board thinks it can be done for much less.

No decision ever reached on polling place versus mail-in ballots question.

LOSAP issue - Steve and Mike

Question about Stan Crawford's LOSAP pay-off funding by past boards.

Mike brought up the underfunding of Dannel Agar LOSAOP awards.

Mike can only be sure of the facts if he saw the statements from Great Western (GW) which he has not been receiving.

Steve will call GW to find out where the statements are, how they track funding for FFs, and what we get for our \$750 admin fee. Discussion ensued about including GW LOSAP account

Action item – Steve will follow up with GW.

Board also thinks the LOSAP acct would be better off to hold locally. 1:00:15

Discussion of current Pension Board members – Verschuur, Binkley, Primmer, Busby

Steve said we are at a cross road and we need to fund 2013 LOSAP. He is leary of sending the money to GW in So Dakota and would rather get this account to be local. It was decided to wait and not fund until after the Pension Board meeting in Feb 2014.

Chief asked if we had totals in LOSAP for each FF? Mike responded but no clear answer given.

Discussion ensued with chief about if 2013 LOSAP awards for Ffs had been determined.

Steve wants checks and balances for LOSAP awards.

List of Ffs and their 2013 awards as determined by Roozen, Brill and Verschuur were read.

Discussion on paying Matt Spaulding his total LOSAP pay-off and getting a check sent to Matt.

Steve asked about eventual maximum LOSAP award payments and his concern as to whether it will be affordable? Mike said LOSAP could reach \$52K per year. Chief said the LOSAP incentive is working as Ffs are going after additional certs and training.

Discussion about training categories / abbreviations and what they meant.

Steve said that if funds were tight and money was not available the board did have the option not to fund LOSAP, it is not mandatory.

Sue asked about what qualifies as an actual LOSAP qualifying call response?

Action items – Steve will call Great Western: 1) find out if LOSAP funds can be moved from GW 2) ask GW to pay-off Matt Spaulding his LOSAP awards 3) find out where the statements are 4) how they track funding for Ffs 5) what we get for our \$750 admin fee.



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Jeffco Dispatch – Steve

After talking to Mark Hall (radio expert) Steve was told GGFPD does not have to change to Evergreen Dispatch.

Motion was made to approve payment of \$7551.25 LOSAP amount for 2013 and \$510 for 2012 underfunding - approved unanimously

Website – Steve

Proposed that Matt be webmaster. He will post the minutes and make some simple changes when needed. Board agreed to make Matt a monetary offer to do the website. 1:30:12
Matt will be asked that his bills be submitted via email on a quarterly basis.
Board approved above unanimously.

United Power Concerns – Steve

Robbin Bryant of UP has expressed a lack of communications with FDs and with Jeffco sheriff dept. They would like to be included when emergencies occur that include their electrical infrastructure.

Jeffco Fire Marshal Mtg Report – Steve

Discussion of alternative standards if prop owners cannot meet county standards.
Example: too steep a road – ask for in-house sprinklers, or cisterns, or road maintenance agreements, etc.
This is what Fire Marshals commonly do as seen and heard at the meetings.
Jeffco LDR review and access road and driveway standard changes at the county. Fire marshals are driving some of this policy change.

Acceptable Ff residence distance from district

Chief said it is currently 12 miles from edge of fire district.
Steve concerned that some Ffs may live too far to have a reasonable response time to emergencies in the GGFPD. The concern is for best bang for GGFPD money, every FF costs us. Chief said the one FF Dave B in question is very experienced in the GGFPD and that is why he wants to keep him on even though he lives well over 12 miles away. There is a general board concern that if we have a 12 miles policy we have to stick to the policy or we as a board could be accused of preferential treatment for some Ffs. This could result in a possible discrimination accusation. Chief said Dave B is moving around still. Sue and Jim concerned this can open us up to being sued. Dave said we should let Dan handle this. Sue wants policy followed as written. Steve opened policy manual to try to find applicable section. Steve suggested that since Dave is in limbo between residences he is given an option to find a residence within 12 miles. All agree that they want Dave to continue on the FD but distance is an issue. Chief thinks problem will work itself out. Sue made the point that Dave is a great guy but we need to follow policy for all FFs – live within 12 miles or be gone. Mike agreed that the policy needs to be followed to avoid problems. No decision reached, issue tabled until next month.

Sue brought up that Chad had not sent rent check in yet and it is 1-16-14.

Discussion of possible executive session for discussion of Chief's Annual Review.

Regular Board Meeting adjourned 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted :

Steve Green – Secretary

Board Member



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Upcoming dates:

Next Board meeting 7pm Thursday February 20, 2014 at Station #2

Action Items:

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Board meeting actions:

- ⤴ December 2013 minutes approved unanimously
- ⤴ Treasurer's report approved unanimously
- ⤴ Chief's report approved unanimously
- ⤴ Motion was made to approve payment of \$7551.25 LOSAP amount for 2013 and \$510 for 2012 underfunding - approved unanimously
- ⤴ Board approved unanimously making offer to Matt Spaulding to be webmaster

Minutes prepared by Steve Green