



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

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Minutes – September 19, 2019

Board Meeting

Written by Sam Patton

1. Preliminary
 - 1.1. Location: Golden Gate Fire Station #1, 32360 Robinson Hill Rd. Golden, CO.
 - 1.2. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Patton.
 - 1.3. Welcome Audience
 - 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.5. Roll Call indicated a quorum was present with Mrs. Carlon, Mr. Kinnard, Mr. Agar, Mr. Trost, and Mr. Patton. Chief Difeo was present.
 - 1.6. Additions and Deletions to Agenda
 - None
2. Public Agenda
 - 2.1. Public Comment
 - Pig roast on September 21st. It is requested that the board assist with serving.
 - October 13 there will be a CPR class at the Grange, free to community limited to 15-18 people.
 - 2.2. Approval of Minutes – August 15, 2019
 - Motion #1 by Mr. Kinnard to approve minutes, 2nd by Mr. Trost.
 - Discussion
 - Unabbreviated REI.
 - Vote results 4 yes. Minutes approved.
3. Committee Reports
 - 3.1. Treasurer's Report – Presented by Mr. Kinnard
 - See report
 - GGFPD in 2001 voted to exempt itself from 5.5% increase limit on property values.
 - Mr. Kinnard explains how credit card purchases flow through the budget.
 - PPE is overstated and will be getting grant money back.
 - Carlon had question on medical supplies, Resolved
 - Report accepted.
 - 3.2. Fire Chief's Report – Presented by Chief Difeo
 - See report
 - Mr. Kinnard brought up hazard of vegetation overgrowth in the canyon. Chief will check into getting the county to trim it up.
4. Old Business Requiring Board Action
 - 4.1. Administration Position
 - 4 applications received, 3 interviewed over last month
 - Motion #2 by Mr. Patton to break for Executive session to discuss personnel, 2nd Mr. Kinnard
 - Vote results unanimous yes. Meeting now in Executive Session

- Motion #3 by Mr. Patton to exit Executive Session and return to regular board meeting, 2nd Kinnard.
 - Vote results unanimous yes. Regular board meeting back in session.
- Motion #4 by Ms. Carlon to offer the Administrative position to Mitsu Binns as advertised with a 90-day review, 2nd by Mr. Agar
 - Vote results unanimous yes.

4.2. Planning Session Update

- Under community training the district and auxiliary are offering a CPR class on October 13th.

4.3. LOSAP policy update

- Mr. Agar states all comments received are in the revised policy.
- Revised policy will have an effective date of 1/1/20. This will also be the effective date for board members serving as firefighters.
- Discussion on whether probation firefighters get 100% vested day one and if the probation year is eligible. Chief will revise the policy that accruals of LOSAP begin after their 1st year.
- Motion #5 by Mr. Agar to approve the revised LOSAP, 2nd by Mr. Trost.
 - Voted and approved 3 yes, Mr. Patton and Mr. Kinnard recuse themselves from the vote.

4.4. Station 3 Update – Appraisal Review

- Mr. Patton requests comments on appraisal by the board by next week.
- \$95,000 appraisal value.
- It is mentioned that the district cannot take mortgage or debt without public election.
- The district currently has 280k in retained earnings.
- Mr. Kinnard will look into possible funding sources
- It is asked if the property requires an Environmental Phase 1 inspection.
- Following comments from board Mr. Patton will follow up with county and appraiser.
- The board agrees to move forward with further discussions on the purchase based on the \$95,000 appraised value. Trost stated he would get advice from another appraiser regarding valuation.

5. New Business

5.1. 2018 Ballot Issue A Resident Letter

- The board received a copy of a letter by Mr. Steve Green sent to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners regarding the 2018 Ballot Issue A.
- Board addressed the numbered items:
 - Item 1 regarding the statement that there were no public meeting, notices or discussions – *The district had 6 public meeting from May 2018-October 2018 in which this was a topic of discussion and is reflected in the meeting minutes. There was also a public study session presented by the board in July at the Grange Hall.*
 - Item 1 regarding the first ballots were sent only 3 weeks prior to the voting deadline – *This is correct and is required by state law that election ballots are sent out no sooner than 22 days before the election date and no later than 18 days before the election date.*
 - Item 2 regarding the use of district money to promote the outcome – *This is incorrect. A special action group called Friends of Golden Gate Fire was started and registered with the Colorado Secretary of State as required by law for any group that supports or opposes a bill. This group received donations to fund their various materials which was also disclosed to the SOS as required under its registration. No district funds were used.*

- Item 3 regarding mail in ballots and counting of ballots – *The district decided at a public meeting to conduct the election using a 3rd party and not to piggyback on the county ballot. This required the ballots be mailed as directed on the ballot. The 3rd party received all ballots mailed and counted them as required including deadlines for mailing ballots per State election law.*
 - Item 4 regarding the use of a polling place by the district – *There were no plans to open a public polling place but due to public feedback it was decided to proceed with a public ballot drop off at the Grange before the election. It was advertised prior to the election. The 3rd party election official manned this drop off and did receive ballots at this drop off location.*
 - Item 5 – *The purpose of the Ballot was indeed to offset revenue losses that could occur with the Gallagher amendment if the District growth and valuation did not keep up with state averages used to calculate the Gallagher adjustment, as happened to many fire districts in 2017. The Board and its attorney who crafted the Ballot language were quite aware of the conflict with TABOR, and therefore put specific language in the ballot indicating those District revenues recovered to offset a Gallagher adjustment could be "collected, retained and spent notwithstanding any limits provided by law."*
 - Items 6 and 7 are opinions and not addressed by the board at this meeting.
 - Ms. Carlon stated there are some names on the letter that are not district residents and/or district voters.
- No further action by the board taken. Board will address issues with the county if so requested by the county.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm pm. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at Fire Station #2 at 7:00 pm.

END

Submitted for Approval of the Board by:



Sam Patton, President