



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843. Golden Colorado. 80403

Meeting Minutes

(DRAFT)

June 27, 2024 7:00 PM

Board Meeting

IN PERSON:

Golden Gate Grange
25201 Golden Gate Canyon Rd.
Golden CO 80403

Recorded Session:

YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District
Closed captioning available, click on CC

• **Board Members Present**

- President Deb Curlee
- Vice President Niffy Ovuworie
- Secretary Marith Reheis

Board Members Absent

- Member Dave Primmer (excused)
- Member Steve Green (unexcused)

• **Meeting Called to Order**

- 7:00 PM MDT

• **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**

- None

• **Changes to Agenda**

- Postpone engineer's report on Station 83 to July meeting
- No action on TAK and FirstNet; postpone to July meeting
- Added: Authorization to apply for public buildings electrification grant

• **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- May 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Niffy Ovuworie)

• **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer report posted online. \$457,957 currently held in accounts

• **Chief's Report** – (see report posted on website for details)

- Regional Mutual Aid IGA approved by Jeffco, Wildland IGA still pending. Station 81 remodel nearly complete, grand opening party postponed to July. Enright will investigate obtaining an Amazon Prime business account with credit card that is still tax-exempt.

• **Brief Discussion of COTAK FirstNet testing**

- Chiefs Benson and Enright have been testing FirstNet reception in district with personal cell phones; need to test backcountry. Further discussion and action postponed to July when complete information and quotes on service cost should be available. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, 33:42-45:00 running time.

• **Jeffco Regional Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Agreement** – (posted on website)

- Important to understand that this IGA applies only to extended incidents longer than 24 hours, not to brief-incident mutual aid agreements. Could mean that individual districts may need to pay other

districts for their help in such big events. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 45:00-56:00 running time.

- **Motion to approve IGA** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)

- **Research and presentation on fire insurance**
 - Need for community advice on fire insurance, given cancellations that have been often reported. Would be a panel or presentation by experts in a community meeting. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 56:15-59:00 running time.
 - **Motion to authorize Ovuworie to contact insurance experts** – Moved by Reheis, second by Curlee – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)

- **Grant application for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Station 83 drainage**
 - FEMA hazard mitigation grant for Colorado could cover battery backup and rewiring of stations if needed. Requires 25% matching grant, covered by direct payment (from Inflation Reduction Act) as a governmental agency. Also funds available for fixing Station 83 drainage. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 59:15-1:05:10 running time.
 - **Motion to authorize Ovuworie to work with Chief Benson and experts to submit grant proposal** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)

- **Public Buildings Electrification Grant Application**
 - Grants available from State of Colorado Energy Office to electrify public buildings, including solar, electric power and heat pumps etc. for heat, water, and cooking. Requires one-third match. Planning and design required for this as well as for BESS, need bids. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:05:15-1:09:55 running time.
 - **Motion to authorize Ovuworie to work with Chief Benson to obtain bids and submit grant proposal**– Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)

- Motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM – Moved by Niffy Ovuworie, second by Deb Curlee – **Passes unanimously**

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