



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843. Golden Colorado. 80403

### Meeting Minutes

(DRAFT)

September 26, 2024 7:00 PM  
Board Meeting

#### **IN PERSON:**

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

#### **Recorded Session:**

[Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)  
Closed captioning available, click on CC

- **Board Members Present**
  - President Deb Curlee
  - Vice President Niffy Ovuworie
  - Secretary Marith Reheis
  - Member Dave Primmer
  - Member Steve Green
- **Meeting Called to Order**
  - 7:00 PM MDT
- **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**
  - Ovuworie noted that Green has a conflict of interest in Station 83 drainage problem
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes – **Passes**
    - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
    - Nay (Steve Green, Dave Primmer)
- **Changes to Agenda**
  - Note that next meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup>, and that November meeting will be held on 11/21 to avoid Thanksgiving holiday.
  - Motions to resolve Station 83 drainage and to obtain credit card statements moved to new business; motion added by Primmer to ask questions of Chief Benson
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Treasurer report posted online. \$521,935 currently held in accounts. Note that budget committee submits draft 2025 budget to board by 15 October and will be discussed at October board meeting.
- **Chief's Report** – (see report posted on website for details). See YouTube, 18:15-38:40
  - Awarded \$155,000 grant to replace all SCBA equipment in the district. Brings total grants awarded to district since September 2023 to \$212,000. Received \$5500 grant (noted last month) for website.
  - Full report on Goltra Fire still being compiled.
  - Strongly recommend funding for professional pest control at stations due to rodent damage.
- **Pest control at Fire Stations**
  - Already seeing rodent damage to newly acquired gear despite all best efforts to trap and remove. Two members objected to expense of professional rodent control. Two bids obtained, one was incomplete. Full discussion on YouTube, GGFDP, from 39:05-51:35 running time.
  - **Motion to approve proposal for pest control by Orkin at all stations** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
    - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
    - Nay (Primmer, Green)

- **Access to Credit Card Statements**
  - Some members believe that all board members should have access to statements without CORA request or payment. However, not all board members have such access, only the card holders. Others note that statements must be redacted to remove card numbers and personally identifiable information (PII), and this requires time and effort that should be compensated. The posted transaction list contains more information than the credit card statements. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 51:48-1:02:45 running time.
  - **Motion to approve free access to 12 months of credit card statements by all board members** – Moved by Primmer, second by Green – **Fails**
    - Aye (Primmer, Green)
    - Nay (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
- **Amend meeting rules to improve board efficiency**
  - Intended to make board meetings run more smoothly and efficiently for staff and board members by not revisiting previously decided issues at later meetings. Will terminate when new board is seated. The exception is if a director who voted with the prevailing side wishes to revisit the issue. Two members objected, claiming a violation of free speech. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:02:53-1:09:42 running time.
  - **Motion to amend meeting rules to postpone indefinitely the discussion, rescission, renewal, or amendment of motions voted upon at previous meetings** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
    - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
    - Nay (Primmer, Green)
- **Drainage issue at Station 83** – (see report on website for details, [Section 33 - Agricultural District \(goldengatefire.org\)](http://www.goldengatefire.org))
  - Drainage problem at Station 83 is due to a culvert on the road above on private property currently owned by Green. Culvert funnels water from a road ditch onto the slope above the station, causing flooding and sedimentation.
  - County has been contacted and is investigating whether the relevant ordinance was in place before or after the culvert was constructed. No legal proceedings have been authorized by the board. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:11:53-1:24:25 running time.
  - Director Green left meeting at 1:12:20 running time, or about 8:12 PM
  - **Motion to work together to resolve drainage issue with county involvement** – Moved by Primmer, second by Reheis – **Passes**
    - Aye (Curlee, Reheis, Primmer)
    - Abstain (Ovuworie)
- **Eligibility of firefighters for FPPA**
  - Question from Primmer regarding eligibility of firefighters for FPPA with enough hours accrued prior to 2001. Benson noted that district does not maintain records beyond 7 years. Possibly individual records would suffice, would need to consult with FPPA. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:24:32-1:26:35 running time.
  - **Motion to authorize Director Primmer to work with the chief to resolve this issue** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
    - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Primmer, Reheis)
- Motion to adjourn at 9:03 PM – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes unanimously**