

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Garden Valley Fire Protection District Regular Meeting

Location: 4860 Marshall Road – Garden Valley, CA 95633 – Training Room

Directors, Clark, Souza, Karen and Richard Smith are present, as is Chairman Rick Nelson. Also present are Chief Dekker, Assistant Chiefs Linda Szczepanik, Captain Jeff Burch. District Account Christina Havens is absent. Seated in the audience is Timothy Peacock. A quorum is noted and the meeting starts at 9:30AM
...pauses or interruptions

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Director Frank Clark makes motion to adopt agenda. Director Karen Smith seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

2.0 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Timothy Peacock

Mr. Peacock presents a letter from Shawna Purvines, Senior Planner of the El Dorado County Department of Human Services to defer his fees. Director Karen Smith makes a motion to approve this request. It would be a total of \$577.50 to waive. Director Richard Smith seconds the motion. This vote is not unanimous. Directors Clark and Souza vote no. A letter will be written after an inspection is done next week by Chief Dekker and Captain Jeff Burch.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/Possible Actions

3.1 Election of Officers: The slate of officers is read that was approved at last months meeting, Discussion is led by Director Clark who acknowledges a change (agreed upon by the entire board) is as follows. Those in attendance have agreed to assume these duties; Director Richard Smith, Chairman; Director Rick Nelson, Vice Chairman; and Director Dave Souza as Secretary, for a second term. The Board Clerk calls for a vote on the slate of officers presented and it is unanimous. Chairman Rick Nelson passes the gavel to newly elected Chairman Richard Smith. The meeting proceeds.

3.2 Resolution 11-01 – The California Fire Code within Garden Valley Fire Protection District.

All board members have read and understand the language of this resolution. No one is in the audience to challenge the document. There is some discussion. Captain Jeff Burch informs the board that even though the board is approving this document today, it will be going to the Board of Supervisors “to be ratified” and the final signing will be done at the next board meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Signatures of the board members will actually take place on that date. Chairman Richard Smith presents the following quote from Benjamin Franklin: “People willing to trade freedom for temporary safety, deserve neither and are going to loose both...” Richard Smith: This is where I have a problem with this ... however I have to say we are in the safety business and not the freedom business so I vote to approve this document. I just hate to see more and more regulations. Director Frank Clark makes a motion to approve the resolution and Director Karen Smith seconds the motion. A roll call vote is in order: Chairman Richard Smith, yes; Director Karen Smith, yes; Director Dave Souza, yes; Director Rick Nelson, yes; and Director Frank Clark, yes. This motion passes unanimously.

3.3 Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2010. Director Rick Nelson makes a motion to approve the minutes and Director Frank Clark seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

4.2 – Policies and Procedures: Dekker: I did ask Chief Schwab for a copy of their policies and procedures. Because if we are still talking this consolidation then I need to be going in the same direction with his policies and procedures. However he hasn't got back to me. I'll ask for it again tomorrow. Because we will be at his station maybe I can walk away with it. Nelson: I'd like to see their 10 year projection, too for staff to see where we are at and what their budget is going to look like 10 years from now.

5.0 - BOARD MEMBER OPEN FORUM:

Director Karen Smith recommends that the current Board of Directors for GVFPD cook for the servers and cooks of the support group. She'd like a gathering here or in the park. Chief Dekker suggests a barbecue. "There was a picture in the paper this week of the breakfast and a story about the purchase of manikins with the money earned." says the Chief. The board clerk asks for a clarification of what Director Karen Smith is suggesting. K. Smith: I want this board to cook as reciprocation for their hard work and I want this board to do it. It is agreed the board members would like to see this happen. Chairman Smith asks for volunteers from his board to sit on specific committees:

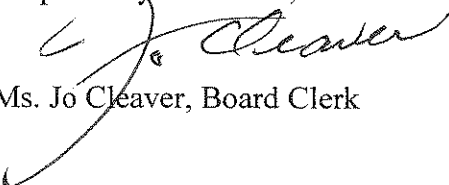
LAFCO - Dave Souza
UNION - Rick Nelson
CONSOLIDATION - Richard Smith and Rick Nelson

Frank Clark is not interested in serving on any committee, when asked by Chairman Smith.

Director Souza: I would like to bring up the fact that since I've been sitting on this board we have not had a financial audit of the Support Group, in three years. Once a year we are suppose to get this type of report or statement from them. They need to let us know how they earn and spend their money. Director Clark: I'll take care of that. Dekker: I'll get Christina involved also. Nelson: Have we heard back from our auditor? Dekker: You have a draft copy that I requested in electronic form. Chief Dekker: I neglected to ask the Board Clerk for a spot on the agenda. So I'd like to give a brief Chief's Report. Dekker: Today we have a State Fire Marshall Instructor teaching the 1-A Class going on in the training room, put together by our training officer Charles Frost. We have people from all over the state. We've charged \$350 p/p. We will be one of the first districts in the County to have certified fire officers. This is the first one of a series, 1-A, 1-B and 1-C. Assistant Chief Szczepanik has several wildland classes that are starting to fill up especially those that everyone needs before fire season starts. The phone calls and emails generated from the website information are great. The academy is underway. GVFPD has five cadets. We had the family night here last Thursday. Of interest to this board, a TLC Ambulance Service has applied to the county to provide service in El Dorado County. This has been going on for quite some time. County emergency management has been putting them off and now the TLC group has brought their attorneys into the mix. There is no legal precedent to deny them. However, there is one little loophole. All dispatch is to be run through Cal Fire and Camino so TLC asked to negotiate a contract with Cal Fire. This negotiation is very scary to the fire chiefs right now and the JPA. TLC has paramedics, but they cannot self-dispatch. I'll keep you posted. Scott Vail and Linda Szczepanik are working on the Administration Fee imposed for the IMTS billing process on January 20, 2011. "Everyone is going to have to justify this fee for the upcoming year." says Szczepanik. Dekker: I asked for \$113,000 from the JPA finance committee for the ALS (Basic Life Support) program. He also announces Chief Holmes, Cal Fire promotion.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT: Director Karen Smith makes the motion to adjourn. Director Dave Souza seconds the motion. Passes unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 11:16AM

Respectfully submitted,


Ms. Jo Cleaver, Board Clerk

Date: January 11, 2011