

# MINUTES

Tuesday/June 8, 2010 9:30AM

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Garden alley Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting**

Location: 4860 Marshall Road – Garden Valley, CA 95633 – Training Room  
There is a quorum, so the meeting proceeds at 9:25 AM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Directors, Clark, Souza, Karen Smith and Richard Smith and Chairman Rick Nelson are present. Also present are: Chief Bill Dekker; District Accountant Christina Havens and Board Clerk, Jo Cleaver. Garden Valley Resident Brian Bartholomew, Captain Jeff Burch, Engineer/EMT Clyde Rust, and Firefighter Brad Davis.

...pauses or interruption of thought(s)

**1.0 - ADOPT AGENDA:** – Director Karen Smith makes a motion to adopt the agenda and Director Dave Souza seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

**2.0 – INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Nelson makes mention Brain Bartholomew was here; interested in board position but had to leave. There is no other public comment.

## **3.0 - OLD BUSINESS:**

**3.1 –** Letter regarding building funds ie: Chief Dekker has drafted a check list with a letter and all will be forwarded to the Building Department. He hands out copies for discussion. These copies will now be given to inquiring GVFPD property owners applying for permits thorough the County. DEKKER: When the property owner comes to the district office, Captain Burch will now have the exact information he needs for the discussion of their plans and can act accordingly, and we (as the district) can recover the costs. There is a correction of LPG tank footage noted.

**3.2 –** Interest Rate(s) research is explained regarding an email sent to all board members by Accountant Havens. After a brief discussion it is decided to table this agenda item until interest rates rise. The motion is made by Directors R Smith and seconded by Director David Souza. Passes unanimously. In addition Agenda Item 3.3 Attorney Generals report RE: Penn Valley Fire Protection District's use of out-side monies, is briefly discussed here, as an extension of the interest rate conversation and is subsequently tabled.

**3.4 –** Consolidation Committee: Chairman Nelson is drafting a letter to the interested parties, including the Georgetown Fire Department BOD, and members of the previous committee. The Chief briefly gives an overview of the Chief's meeting held Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. "We approached this last year and did not make a lot of progress because we were waiting to see how the county would go with the funding, and the City Gate findings. If we could revisit this with an ADHOC Consolidation Committee, and pursue this, at least here on the Divide; I'm asking this for two reasons; 1. Condition of funding from the county, per the City Gate report and 2. ...let me tell you what happened yesterday. The hammer came down. The BOS agreed to fund the fire districts with a total amount of \$600,000. This is half of what the augmentation monies were. What that means for this district is a loss of \$105,000.00 a year. I threw in a compromise this year, of \$189,000 and this is what we got and they pulled it out of the county contingency fund. It's belt-tightening time. I think we'll be ok; let's hope we have a good strike team and ISMD team, year. If not..we'll be diggin' into our contingency reserves, by the end of the year."

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Chairman Nelson: What happened to the funds that were held in reserve to roll-over to carry this for the next two years? DEKKER: Those are included in your budget. You'll see them there. They are still there. NELSON: Wasn't there an augmentation trust fund of \$900,000 dollars...DEKKER: Oh, they cashed that out last year. NELSON: And they already used that all up? DEKKER: That's how they paid us last year. DEKKER: So what we do know is that there is \$600,000 this year and \$600,000 for next year. Then we're done. And they tell us to go out and find an alternate revenue source. It was a pretty ugly meeting. There was a lot of opposition. In the end, Supervisor Briggs fought a good fight for us. He wanted a minimum one million dollars and that's what we (Fire Chiefs) wanted. R.SMITH: Did the Sheriff's Department rep come up again...DEKKER: Yes...he told the BOS, his department alone is responsible for 50 percent of the property taxes (50 percent goes to his department) plus the Prop 72 monies for a total of 60+% of every tax dollar goes to law enforcement.. He continued to say he was adamantly opposed to the county giving the fire districts this money because 'for every buck you give the fire districts is 50 cents out of my pocket'. He felt his department should have been given the \$600,000 given to the fire districts. The labor representative from the deputies association got up and spoke against us, Mr. Harn (Auditor/Controller's Office) spoke against us, the CAO spoke against us, the head of the El Dorado County Employees Association spoke against us...NELSON: Everyone wanted our money. DEKKER: Yes. Oh, and this is still preliminary. Until the actual budget is passed, anything can happen. NELSON: Would it be timely right now to form a committee to start reviewing tax increases, or a proposal to the residents? DEKKER: I'd like to defer this for the moment as that is being discussed by the Chief's as a County-wide assessment and we did get some buy-in from the Supervisors to pursue something like that. It will be based on the number of parcels in your district for distribution. NELSON: I don't like the idea of all those monies going into a general fund and being divvied up anyway they want. DEKKER: It would be dedicated to fire. NELSON: I think starting up the review of consolidation we are going to have to discuss the future anyway...so you're asking us not to pursue the proposal to residents for a tax increase? DEKKER: Let's just get through July. CLARK: Is the funding to the JPA still there? DEKKER: The JPA is solid. Remember that was the first proposal by the BOS was to take money from the JPA and give it to the fire districts. And they said no. NELSON: I'll draft the letter to the Georgetown Board and get copies to everyone regarding the re-start of the consolidation committee.

3.5 – Board Clerk advises those interested in running for the GVFPD Board of Directors election in November of 2010 must file by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Correction Noted: Between July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4.0 – NEW BUSINESS:**

4.1 – Chief to start Policy Review. NELSON: We are chucking the old one and starting with a less cumbersome copy provided by the Chief. DEKKER: It will be a labor of love for the next couple of months. NELSON: Can you forward sections electronically? DEKKER: I'll have stuff to you before the next meeting. NELSON: Please have that reviewed before the meetings so we can discuss just those certain topics.

4.2 – **Resolution 2010-1** Appropriations Limitations is adopted by unanimous roll call vote after a motion is made by Direction Richard Smith and seconded by Director Karen Smith.

4.3 – **Resolution 2010-2** Election Notification is adopted by unanimous roll call vote after a motion is made by Director David Souza and seconded by Director Frank Clark.

4.4 – Minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup> are approved by a unanimous vote after a motion is made by Director Souza and seconded by Director Richard Smith.

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4.5 – Financials are discussed with District Accountant Havens and approved. HAVENS: We will have another \$800 reimbursement from the JPA when the certificates get here from 1A and 1B class participants.

4.6 – The preliminary budget is discussed after the handouts are distributed by Accountant Havens. DEKKER: This keeps business going as usual; I don't have a lot of wiggle room. NELSON: I would like to see some fund raisers take place these next few years. How do the 'boots on the corners' work? DEKKER: I'll look into this and other fund raiser options.

4.7 – The approval to hire and pay Larry Klaus \$500.00 as the consultant to prepare the Direct Charge Report is unanimous after a motion is made by Director Frank Clark and seconded by Richard Smith.

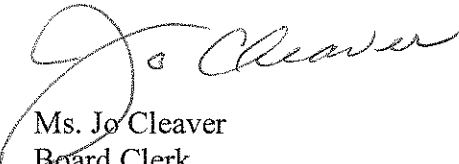
4.8 – Chief's report was sent electronically and all board members have their own copy. District copy on file in front office. A copy will be forwarded to website designer.

4.9 – The JPA (Joint Powers Association) forwarded a copy of their annual FY 10/11 Budget which must be approved at this meeting. Director Karen Smith makes a motion to do so, and it is seconded by Director Richard Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

5.0 – Board Member Open Forum: Chief Dekker thanks the board of directors for showing up at the Academy Graduation. "No other district had this type of representation from their board members and it was commented on at the next JPA meeting."

6.0 - **ADJOURNMENT:** By a unanimous vote with a motion made by Director Karen Smith and seconded by Director Frank Clark the meeting is adjourned at 10:15AM

Respectively Submitted:

  
Ms. Jo Cleaver  
Board Clerk

Date: 7/13/10