

# MINUTES

Tuesday/March 9, 2010 9:30AM

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Garden alley Fire protection District**

**Regular Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Roll Call is taken:** Chairman Rick Nelson, Absent Directors, Clark, Sousa, Karen Smith and Richard Smith are present. Vice Chairman Clark announces there is a quorum, so the meeting proceeds. Also present are: Chief Bill Dekker, Assistant Chief Linda Szczepanik; and District Accountant Christina Havens and Board Clerk, Jo Cleaver. Guests are Captain Charles Frost; Captain Wes Norman; Assistant Chief Bob Bement; Engineer/EMT Clyde Rust; Firefighter Austin Palmiere; and ROP Instructor, Mike Sampson.

...pauses or interruption of thought(s)

**1.0 - ADOPT AGENDA:** – Board Clerk Ms. Cleaver asks to add a couple of items to the proposed agenda. 5.1 Last minute correspondence – Letter from LAFCO. Letter from Jeff Burch, President of Local 4691 IAFF and a letter from Sue Brown are placed on the agenda. Under 5.3 an added item will be 5.3a Bills for Approval over \$2500. And 5.5 is added for presentation of materials from the Chief.. Director Karen Smith makes the motion to adopt the agenda and Director Dave Souza seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

**2.0 – INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:-** Chief Dekker introduces Mike Sampson from the ROP program. Vice Chairman Clark: Who is he? Oh, he drove a brand new car last week up in Georgetown, I couldn't believe it. I've always seen him there in that green pickup for years. Chief Dekker: This morning the crew responded to a CPR and Austin (Firefighter Palmiere) rode in on the ambulance and seeing as how he just walked in I thought it would be a good time for the board to hear what transpired and apparently after considerable life-saving attempts, the guy is still alive. I thought you might be interested in how our crew can start their day. Austin, can you tell us what happened there. After some brief comments made by Palmiere, (giving credit to others on the scene, including GV 251 crew Wes and Mike) he said after about 30 minutes of life saving efforts administered by those on the scene, the man was finally transported to Marshall. Wes Norman is heard to say, "We lost him, got him back again, had to shock him three times." Austin: Once in the ambulance he was stable, but just into Placerville we had to start again. Same thing happened in the hospital. Lost him, got him back. and then he started breathing on his own. A round of applause (from those present) is heard on the tape. Chief Dekker, "when I talk about the paramedic-engine program, this is exactly why we are going this direction. We were the second one on scene quite a ways out in the Georgetown area. The system is working. Anything we do to enhance the system is just going to make it better for those people living on the Divide. If that ambulance had been off the mountain, we would have been it!" After a question is raised by Director Karen Smith, the Chief acknowledges the same procedure would be used on a young individual just like the care that was given to this elderly man. Director Richard Smith, "what I find interesting is you can't set a price on this." A comment is heard from the back of the room "you want to tell the Supervisors that?" Voice not recognized on the tape. Chief Dekker...I just thought the board should hear about this call. Director Karen Smith, "I always like to hear happy stories." Vice Chairman Clark, asks "how far up Sliger Mine Road was this...Chief: It wasn't on Sliger Mine Road, it was Reservoir Road. OK, say Clark.

3.0 – PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

4.0 - OLD BUSINESS: None

5.0 – NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairman: Any discussion or actions? Board Clerk starts to explain that we need to be on 5.1 and the Chairman says, “I haven’t got there yet.” Again he asks, “Is there a discussion or possible action? Oh, you mean action for the correspondence? Ok, we’ll go to 5.1, then.

**5.1 – Correspondence**

Board Clerk reads letter from LAFCO when it is discovered the Board of Directors do not have copies in their packets. Clerk tells the board she will get them copies. She reads the LAFCO letter. Other letters are read and discussed from Toys for Tots, Georgetown Divide Health Care, Sue Brown and Jeff Burch. The Chief asks to elaborate on the letter from Jeff Burch. We were notified last week by Tom Keating, the President of the Chief’s Association, after he had a meeting with Mr. Knight and Mr. Briggs (County Supervisors) have now agreed that continued funding like the Augmentation, is imperative and needed to maintain the system, and they are in support of this now. Also we were told Supervisor Nutting, and the Supervisor from South Lake Tahoe agrees. This county’s administrative officers are dead set against it, they have been directed to come back with proposals to see just how much they can fund this year so we’re meeting with Briggs and Knight, next week. We’ll find out exactly what level of funding will be provided. I certainly do not anticipate getting the full \$205,000. We will have a better understanding in the next two weeks of where we’re going. Things are progressing. All copies of these letters are on file in the District Office.

**5.2 – Approve Minutes** from February 9, 2010. Chief Dekker requests one correction regarding typed “hired guy” be changed to “hired gun”. Clerk makes changes on the original. Director Richard Smith makes a motion to approve the minutes, Director Souza, seconds the motion. Passes Unanimously.

**5.3 – Monthly Bills/District Account** Christina Havens: After discussion of the monthly bills, Director Karen Smith makes a motion to accept the bills; Director Richard Smith seconds the motion. Passes Unanimously. 5.3a Department of General Services for \$16, 175.00 (Administrative Law Judge Hearing for Paul Bado/80 Hours.) A motion is made by Director Karen Smith to pay this bill and seconded by Director Souza. Motion passes unanimously.

**5.4 – Budget Projections.** This paperwork was generated electronically to all board members. All directors have a copy. Chief Dekker: Christina put this together, and I started working on this budget by list i.e.: work cuts, etc, and now with this new information from Chief Keating, that the county is going to maintain part of the funding, it’s hard for me to do an accurate projection. So what we’re going to do, is use this as a general reference and then as new information develops I’ll come back to you immediately with new figures and such. Also, this projection did not include whatever the union is going to be negotiating. That is one thing I’ll really need the board to do is talk with Captain Burch. We really need to move on that quick because I can’t do a budget without knowing what will be given and taken on that side. I’d like to have this wrapped up within a month. Havens: If you look at the last page of the package you’ll see preliminary estimates based on costs of two of the items being discussed with the union reps. This would be a 3% COLA and survivor benefits. Chief: They have met since then. Havens: Yes, this is preliminary.

Director Karen Smith: The thing that really bothers me is I don't want to go into a fiscal year counting on the County to come through with funds; as the State is counting on the Counties to pull their chestnuts out of the fire, and if the State comes in and takes County money the County's not going to be giving District money. Chief: And the State has already taken \$24,000 of our money. Smith K: And their not going to stop. I nominate Mr. Smith and Mr. Souza to do it again. Chairman Clark, all in favor say aye. So moved. Further discussion will take place between the union reps and the board committee. Director Souza is heard to say, "What just happened?" Director Richard Smith: This best case scenario, \$38000 deficit, is that considering we could use the money from different items that did not use 100% of budget? Chief: We are anticipating a carry-over. And that's part of that. Havens: That's already factored in. Smith R: So if everything goes right with this proposed budget we're going to be missing almost \$40,000? Chief: Yes. Havens: But the more we can save this year the better off we'll be next year. Smith R: Can we save this year? Chief: Sure. We always do. Smith R: So what we don't use, in different line items will wind up being carried over to next year? We're hoping that will happen? Havens: Yes look at the revenue side and you'll see the carry-over. Smith R: Of course there's a whole bunch of people out there who want to or seem to want to stop this Incident Management Team. Chief: I know. Vice Chairman Clark requests that a motion be made to pass the budget projections. Smith K and Chief simultaneously say...this was just advisory. Yeah, pass the advisory, says Clark. Smith K: Well, we're not passing anything. Chair: why is it on there then? A medley of voices can be heard to say: for discussion. Yeah, ok, says Clark.

**5.4a – Volunteer Compensation** Chairman: What's this about? Chief Dekker: Director Souza asked to have this put on the agenda? Souza: Seeing as how we are trying to save money, there are some things that have happened in the past, through Chief Schmidt and I don't know how to put this, but I'm going to have to bring Bob and Sneez on the soapbox and ...Chairman Clark, interrupts Director Souza with the comment he'd like to discuss this with the Board Chair, when he comes in. Director K Smith: Can we table this until next month? Chairman Clark: Yes, we need to have a closed session on this. Director Souza: continuing, "Do you guys know what I'm going to be talking about...we have two assistant Chiefs, with different job descriptions, and they are getting paid differently. I'll give you copies of this and then we have a certain volunteer that are being paid \$20.29 cents an hour, when Maria Capraun signed an order in 2005. So this volunteer firefighter when working overtime for this department gets paid more then our full-time Captains. Smith K: Not at this station anymore. Souza: And this started happening in 2005. Chairman Clark: Ok, let's stop there, and get a hold of our Board Chairman and have a closed meeting on that.

5.5 – Chief Dekker hands out copies of IMSD 2010 agreements and current run reports and comments. "This information will have you in readiness if the Grand Jury should ever ask you about the All Risk Team, again. (Laughter) We have a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, with all the IMSD members. It is a mandatory meeting, and I would like to invite the board members to come down and meet these people. At some point during the day, if you could come by, I'd like to introduce you to these people. We have guest speakers coming in, subject matter experts...I think you'll be impressed with them." Smith K: I'm already impressed with them. How many people will be here? Assistant Chief Szczepanik says: 23.

**6.0 – BOARD MEMBER OPEN FORUM:** Chief Dekker asks to talk about training with the City Gate people. The report has been released. The Georgetown Board of Directors would like this training also. \$2400 cost will be split between the two agencies. This will be eight hours of training. This would be open to Chief Officers and Board of Directors. Clark: Is this OES...no this is City Gate people says the Chief. I'll resend the proposal, says the Chief.

7.0 – ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chairman Clark says, “Next meeting is April 13, ‘we’re adjourned.” Meeting ends at 10:15M

Respectively Submitted:



Ms. Jo Cleaver  
Board Clerk

Date: 4/13/2010