

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda

Where: Main Fire Station on Middlefork Rd in Crouch
When: 10 June 2025



1 Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order at PM

2 Commissioner(s)/Chief Role Call

2.1 Present: Bill Klevenberg, Chair; Mike VanDyke, Board member; Paul Cleaveland, Chief; Jenna Barron, stenographer; Austin Fields, stenographer.

3 Amendments to this Agenda

3.1 Motions to amend this agenda.

3.1.1 Bill motions to move 10.3 up into 8 as on going business

4 Public Participation

4.1 Members of the public may comment on an agenda before action is taken and after the Board has discussed the item. Any member of the public making a public comment shall state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

5 Consent Agenda Items - Consent Agenda Items will be enacted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on items unless a Board Member, Staff, or member of the public requests removal of the item for separate action.

5.1 Minutes: Review/Amend/Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes.

5.1.1 A motion was made by Bill K. to approve all minutes as written, including expenditures. Second by Mike V.. All voted in favor and none were opposed. The motion passed.

5.2 Expenditures: Review/Amend/Approve Expenditures.

5.2.1 A motion was made by Bill K. to approve all expenditures. Second by Mike V. All voted in favor and none were opposed. The motion passed.

6 Correspondence

6.1 Staff / Commissioners will review relevant correspondence.

6.1.1 None

7 Public Comment

7.1 This part of the meeting is reserved for people wishing to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda. Name and address shall be stated for the record prior to addressing the Board. Any matter that requires Board action will be referred to staff (or a Board member) for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting.

7.1.1 Raddigon stated Austin did a great job on the previous house fire as command.

8 Old/Ongoing Business

8.1 (*) Impact Fee update

8.1.1 Bill K. stated we were able to obtain our first payment for 11 permits. Bill will double check we are receiving all the funds due to the department.

8.2 Possible annexation of new development on Grimes Creek

8.2.1 The property owner made a statement of their intentions and why they would like to annex the property into Garden Valley.

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- 8.2.2 Bill K. stated he discussed it with the department attorney. Who suggested we structure an agreement with the property owners instead of annexation. This would come with a fee based on the amount of structures built on the property.
- 8.2.3 Bill K would like to make the motion to move forward with making an agreement to supply services to the property. Mike V. seconded the motion, and none were opposed.
 - 8.2.3.1 Ryan Malerk stated he agreed to move forward with the agreement and will begin to discuss things further with insurance and Alex with planning and zoning.

9 Chief & Staff Reports...

9.1 (*) Calls in May

- 1.1.1 5 Medical, 4 Fire, 1 MVA, 6 Trauma, 1 Public Assist, 3 LEO assist, and 2 Rescue. Total of 33 calls.

9.2 (*) Training in May

- 9.2.1 Wildland Structure Triage, Progressive Hose Lay, RT-130 Refresher, EMT Class X 5, and Wilderness EMS

9.3 (*) Department on-call staffing & Response times update

- 9.3.1 Average time from dispatch to arrival: 12 Minutes

9.4 (*) Staffing Update

- 9.4.1 Chief Cleaveland: The EMT class is over and all 6 students passed the department side of things. They will now have to pass the NREMT and then they will be able to provide services through the department.

9.5 (*) Equipment Update

- 9.5.1 Austin stated we applied for a grant requesting a command rig. The awardee information comes out soon and we will update with the results soon.

9.6 (*) Station updates

- 9.6.1 None

10 New Business

10.1 Discussion on Tax rates and Levy information

- 10.1.1 The attorney is getting the paperwork together to get the tax increase request on the ballot.
 - 10.1.1.1 The department would not need to add an EMS taxing district.
 - 10.1.1.2 The levee would like to be increased to \$30 per 100,000 acres.
 - 10.1.1.3 The public asked if the Fire and EMS were separate entities. Bill stated Fire and EMS is all supplied through one entity.
 - 10.1.1.4 The public asked what is the issue driving the tax increase. Bill K. stated the staff pay to ensure staffing cost \$80,000 when we implemented the staff schedule. Additionally, the 3 year outlook shows the department in a deficit and our current services will not be able continue if the increase is not passed. Staffing will have to be pulled back and things will have to restructured.

10.2 Valley County EMS Services

- 10.2.1 Bill stated to the attorney we would like to make a stance on not responding to Silver Creek plunge for Valley County. The attorney stated he would like to have a discussion with the 2 leads in Valley County and Cascade before moving forward.

10.3 Possible annexation of new development on Grimes Creek

- 10.3.1 Moved to 8.2

11 Request for Future Agenda Items

- 11.1 None

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12 (*) Adjournment

12.1 The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM

The next Regular GVFPD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, 07/08/2025, @ 2:00 PM @ the Main Station above Crouch.