

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes

Where: Main Fire Station on Middlefork Rd in Crouch
When: 11 February 2025



1 Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

2 Commissioner(s)/Chief Role Call

2.1 Present: Bill Klevenberg, Chair; Mike VanDyk, Board member; Phil Palmiatto, Board member; Paul Cleaveland, Chief; Austin Fields, stenographer; Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Public; and Steve Raddigan, Public.

3 Amendments to this Agenda

3.1 Motions to amend this agenda.

3.2 Replacing Bathroom Vanity at 9.6 added by Phil P.

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 Phill P. All voted in favor and none were opposed. The motion passed.

5.2 Expenditures: Review/Amend/Approve Expenditures.

5.2.1 5.2 A motion was made by Bill K. to approve all expenditures. Second by Phil P. All voted in favor and none were opposed. The motion passed.

6 Correspondence

6.1 Staff / Commissioners will review relevant correspondence.

6.1.1 Chief discussed with Garden Valley High School and multiple individuals about a high risk, low frequency event.

6.1.2 Chief has met with the Emergency Preparedness Group about a bass radio at station 2.

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 Is there any interest getting together with the individuals who have licenses with HAM radios?

7.1.1.1 Chief C. stated many of those individuals were at the meeting about emergency preparedness. They are working on discussing with those individuals.

8 Old/Ongoing Business

8.1 (*) Impact Fee update

8.1.1 Bill K. is still communicating with the county on how those funds should be sent to the department.

9 Chief & Staff Reports...

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9.1 (*) Calls in January

9.1.1 25 Medical, 4 Fire, 5 MVA, 1 Mutual Aid, and 1 standby. Total of 37 calls.

9.2 (*) Training in January

9.2.1 Fire Service Training was executed by the state in January. Our members completed 45 hours of Essentials of Firefighting. The members also participated in a live fire trailer and incident pre-planning at the high school. Our EMS training included Priority planning, supply closet use, HIPPA, and report writing.

9.2.2 The officers have been working on getting certified as instructors through the state.

9.2.3 Another EMT Class is starting in March. Austin Fields is heading up the class and all the new recruits will be participating. Austin was able to save the station \$600 by having it inhouse. The layout of the class is already prepped and ready to go.

9.2.4 There is a new CPR instructor in the department and the first CPR class was last night.

9.2.5 Southern Idaho Fire Academy will be this weekend. We have 7 members participating and we were able to get 3 sent on a scholarship.

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

9.3.1 Chief C. informed everyone that staffing has been going well and our response time in January was 9 minutes.

9.4 (*) Staffing Update

9.4.1 We have all of our new recruits starting an EMT class in March. We also have multiple officers becoming inhouse instructors throughout the state. As well as, we now have a CPR instructor in-house.

9.5 (*) Equipment Update

9.5.1 None

9.6 (*) Station updates

9.6.1 Phil P. looked into changing the bathroom sink. Home Depot has a couple options. The Auxiliary approved to pay up to \$450 for a new vanity. Phil also found an individual to install the vanity for no charge.

10 New Business

10.1 Printer change for Office use

10.1.1 Austin F. asked when the Ricoh lease ends. Ricoh lease is 3 years and we started sometime in 2023 stated Bill K. Bill K. Austin will look at putting a proposal when the lease is coming up.

10.2 Preliminary discussion on Tax rates and Levy information

10.2.1 Bill discussed that he, Chief, and Shannon have been researching levy changes. Currently we are receiving... There are multiple fire agencies receiving twice or triple as much as the Garden Valley Fire Protection District. Bill stated this is a starting point at looking at levy information.

10.2.1.1 Public stated

10.2.1.2 Bill stated we have been good stewards of the current finances. The current tax income the department is provided is not sustainable. There is a time frame of May this year or we will have to wait another 2 years.

10.2.1.3 Chief stated he is working on getting together data on how much it costs EMS and Fire to respond to each incident. This way everyone can view the sustainability of the department currently.

11 Request for Future Agenda Items

11.1 None

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12 (*) Adjournment

12.1 The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM

The next Regular GVFPD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, 3/11/2025, @ 2:00 PM @ the Main Station above Crouch.