

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes

Where: Main Fire Station on Middlefork Rd in Crouch

When: 24 February 2026 @ 2:00 PM



- 1 **Call to Order.** Phil Called meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- 2 **Commissioner(s)/Chief Role Call:** Chief – Present, Commissioner Mike Vandyk – Present, Commissioner Phil Palmiotto – Present, Captain A. Fields – Absent, Stenographer Heather Sipple – Present, Attorney Gigray – Present via Zoom
- 3 **Amendments to this Agenda**
 - 3.1 Motions to amend this agenda. None
- 4 *** Public Participation**
 - 4.1 Members of the public may comment on an agenda item 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. (Please limit public comment to three minutes)
 - 4.2 Department Attorney Gigray attended via Zoom. Commissioner Phil Palmiotto thanked the applicants for stepping forward to be considered for the Commissioner position and for volunteering to serve their community. Public Comment: None.
- 5 *** New Business**
 - 5.1 Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Deliberation & Appointment
 - 5.2 **Deliberation-** Commissioner Palmiotto stated that the Fire District has been experiencing increased demand due to a rise in call volume and service needs. He expressed confidence in meeting these challenges with the department’s dedicated firefighters and strong leadership.
 - The Commissioners individually reviewed all applicant materials, including statements, resumes, interviews, and community input from the three candidates. The decision was to be made in the best interest of the Fire Department overall.
 - Commissioner Palmiotto stated that while he and Commissioner Vandyk bring fire service experience and long-standing community involvement, the Board would benefit from additional balance. Specifically, they are seeking someone with large-scale budget knowledge, complex problem-solving skills, and experience in public and labor relations. He emphasized the importance of bringing fresh perspective and new insight into the Department.
 - Commissioner Vandyk agreed and reiterated the importance of strong management skills and a new perspective moving forward.

Appointment- Commissioner Palmiotto asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Commissioner Palmiotto made a motion to appoint Mike Dolan to the Sub-District 3 Commissioner seat. Commissioner Vandyk seconded the motion.

Resolution 2026-03: Appointing a Commissioner for Sub-District 3 to Fill Vacancy.
 - Mike Dolan was selected as Sub-District 3 Commissioner. Commissioner Palmiotto voted in favor. Commissioner Vandyk seconded.

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The resolution passed.

-Mr. Dolan stepped forward to take the Oath of Office. The required resolution paperwork was completed. A notary was present, and Mr. Dolan signed the Oath of Office.

6 (*) Adjournment

6.1 Commissioner Palmiotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vandyk seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

The next Regular GVFPD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, 03/10/2026, @ 2:00 PM @ the Main Station above Crouch.