

**Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Where: Main Fire Station on Middlefork Rd in Crouch**

**When: 15 April 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; and Austin Fields, stenographer.

**3 Amendments to this Agenda**

3.1 Motions to amend this agenda.

3.1.1 None

**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 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 Cleaveland - Talked with the Boise County emergency manager about mastication and fire risk reduction projects this spring.

**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 Nicki Hutchinson 545 Middlefork Road. states that homeowner's insurance is being dropped or significantly increased. Her insurance rep. suggests if we funded a permanent employee at substation #3 to help decrease insurance rates to staff that station. She stated that she believed that a tax levy raise to help get this approved would help with that.

7.1.1.1 Bill Klevenberg, addressed this request stating that the ISO rating is based on several factors and that we are trying to use things like the mastication efforts with grant money to help lower insurance rates.

**ASTERISK (\*) ITEMS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE GVFPD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**  
**The GVFPD Board of Commissioners Reserves the Right to Change the Agenda Prior to the Meeting.**

- 7.1.1.2 Elizabeth Olsen asked if a community forum would be beneficial to hold with insurance carriers that want to provide homeowners insurance to the homes in this area.

## 8 Old/Ongoing Business

### 8.1 (\*) Impact Fee update

- 8.1.1 No new news on impact fees, Bill Klevenberg says that he expects fees to come in this summer with new building

## 9 Chief & Staff Reports...

### 9.1 (\*) Calls in March

- 9.1.1 12 Medical, 2 Fire, 3 MVA, 3 Trauma. Total of 20 calls.

### 9.2 (\*) Training in March

- 9.2.1 Bailouts and Window conversions, Mayday Scenarios, Mayday SOG, Extrication and Stabilizer Jacks, Optional Modules (IV) X3, Practice successful IVs and EMT Class X4

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

- 9.3.1 Average time from dispatch to arrival: 13 Minutes

### 9.4 (\*) Staffing Update

- 9.4.1 Chief Cleaveland: we had four members attend a swiftwater rescue class this last weekend.

### 9.5 (\*) Equipment Update

- 9.5.1 Chief Cleaveland: 804 is ready to come back into service as a rescue / crash unit. As well as a driver's training unit.
- 9.5.2 Chief Cleaveland: 843 has a year worth of usage on it, chief says its good for wildland response but not for EMS calls everyday.

### 9.6 (\*) Station updates

- 9.6.1 Chief Cleaveland said that Fire hawk helicopters contacted him again for another lease this summer.
  - 9.6.1.1 Bill Klevenberg said that he would be fine with another lease agreement with some new verbiage on the agreement.

## 10 New Business

### 10.1 Preliminary discussion on Tax rates and Levy information

- 10.1.1 Bill K. no new information
- 10.1.2 Chief Cleaveland suggested raising EMS billing and fire recovery costs. Chief reiterates that EMS is losing money and we need to address this issue sooner rather than later.

## 11 Request for Future Agenda Items

- 11.1 Discussion of possible annexation of new development on Grimes Creek

## 12 (\*) Adjournment

- 12.1 The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM

**The next Regular GVFPD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, 5/13/2025, @ 2:00 PM @ the Main Station above Crouch.**