

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, December 10, 2013 0900 hrs
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Fire Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder called the Fire Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Steve Brady, Clerk David Dahl, Board Member Mark Clark, Board Member Richard Hudgins

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Pat Abel, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Attorney Donna Aversa, Brooke Painter

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. CATALINA CRUSADERS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kramer representing the Catalina Crusaders presented a check for \$15,000 for the Golder Ranch Fire District's annual Toys for Kids program. This is the twelfth year the Crusaders have made this type of contribution to our community.

B. PINNING OF ASSISTANT CHIEF TOM BRANDHUBER

Assistant Chief Brandhuber was pinned and recited the Loyalty Oath as presented by Chairperson Cox Golder.



C. INTRODUCTION OF THE GRADUATED 2013-01 FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY RECRUITS AS NEWLY HIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

Kyle Drake, Andy Garcia, Brett Houser, Tobin Johnson, Zane Leiber, Anthony Marquez, Karl Rhein, Valerie Schaefer, and Ryan Szach were introduced. They, along with Assistant Chief Brandhuber, recited the Behavioral Oath as presented by Chairperson Cox Golder.

D. FIRE CHIEF'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Engineer Bill Hennings was awarded the Fire Chief's Special Recognition Award for his selfless acts of heroism on September 15th in rescuing an elderly lady, who was confined to a wheelchair, and her daughter from their house which had caught fire while he was off duty.

E. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL

Captain Matt Peru was presented with his pin for 15 years of service to the Golder Ranch Fire District. Engineer Robert Russo was presented with his 20 years of service pin. Captain Scott Garcia was presented with a Pulaski Axe as he retires from Golder Ranch Fire. The IT Division [Herman Rascon, Danny Martinez, and Kristina Van Aken] were presented with a Unit Citation Award for their work on the EPCR implementation.

The Board took a short break at 9:29 a.m.
They reconvened into Regular Session at 9:35 a.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVE MINUTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2013 REGULAR SESSION

MOTION by Clerk David Dahl: Motion to accept and approve item 5 Consent Agenda on the December 10th Agenda.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING SADDLEBROOKE RANCH AND ISO RATINGS

The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) has changed their ratings in the SaddleBrooke Ranch area from a class three (3) to a Class 10 (no protection). Fire Marshal Loesche has been in contact with ISO and found that *any* residence outside



of five miles from the closest station is rated at a 10. He will continue the conversations with ISO. He has found that it essentially comes down to individual insurance agencies and what they will negotiate as far as the rating. In response to Clerk Dahl's question, Chief Karrer explained that we [GRFD] will host a public forum to inform the residents in the affected area of their options. We will start looking at the revenue projections and a timeline to staff the area in our upcoming budget study session.

NO MOTION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2014

David Dahl nominated Vicki Cox Golder for Chairperson of the Golder Ranch Fire District, Steve Brady seconded the nomination.

Mark Clark nominated Steve Brady for Vice-Chairperson of the Golder Ranch Fire District, Richard Hudgins seconded the nomination.

Mark Clark nominated David Dahl as Clerk of the Board for the Golder Ranch Fire District, Steve Brady seconded the nomination.

All nominations were voted on and approved unanimously by a vote of 5/0.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PIMA COUNTY WIRELESS INTEGRATED NETWORK (PCWIN) PARTICIPATION

Chief Karrer provided the Board with an update on the latest developments on PCWIN. Chief Abel met with the Director of PCWIN on behalf of Chief Karrer to negotiate the capability to connect to the consoles at Tucson Fire Dispatch, which are now owned by PCWIN. We were able to negotiate the cost to connect down to about \$30,000 per year, but County Administrator Huckelberry denied that request. The Board will vote on a motion that would allow all members of the consortium to join PCWIN at the lower costs. In the meantime we are securing consoles from the Town of Marana; we would then own our own equipment and we could place them at the City of Tucson Communication Center for dispatching. Board Member Clark clarified that our contract is with the City of Tucson for dispatch services, not Pima County. As such the City of Tucson is responsible for our dispatching regardless of the switchover to Pima County, at least until June 30, 2014 when our contract expires. Chief Karrer will keep the Board posted on any new developments.

NO MOTION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0015, AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT AND



GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT FOR COOPERATION, PARTIAL INTEGRATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES

Chief Karrer explained that this is an IGA to work collaboratively with Northwest Fire District. The agreement was authored by Tom Benavidez, and reviewed by legal counsel Donna Aversa. There is no fiscal impact to the District; it would simply provide collaboration of resources.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Brady: Motion to approve and accept Resolution No. 2013-00015, an Intergovernmental Agreement between Northwest Fire District and Golder Ranch Fire District for cooperation, partial integration, and consolidation of certain information technology and communications resources.

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Dahl

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Manager Dave Christian presented the monthly financial reports and reconciliation to the Board. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

MOTION by Clerk Dahl: Motion to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - CHIEF KARRER

Chief Karrer presented his report to the Board. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

B. OPERATION CHIEF'S REPORT - CHIEF ABEL

Chief Abel presented his report to the Board. Board Member Clark asked if there is some kind of bond or insurance that can be put into place for the outside services that are being provided to various agencies. However, since this was not an agenda item it could not be discussed. It will be placed on a future agenda to be discussed.



C. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT – STAFF

Chief Karrer presented the Administration Services Report to the Board. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- December Governing Board Meeting - Regular Session–January 14, 2013
- Discuss securing financial guarantees for work that is being done as well as insurance provided by the other agencies that we are supporting.
- Budget Study Session – possibly scheduling the third week in January.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Clerk Dahl: Motion to adjourn at 10:38 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



David Dahl, Clerk of the Governing Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
DD/bp

