

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 0900 hrs  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Fire Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Finance  
Manager Dave Christian, Board Services Manager Brooke Painter

**2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS**

There were no reports provided.

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No public issues were presented.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

A. *Presentation of Personnel*

New hire Landon Williams was introduced as Golder Ranch Fire District's new IT Specialist.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve Minutes – December 9, 2014 Regular Session



**MOTION** by Clerk Dahl to accept and approve item 6, the January 13, 2015 Consent Agenda

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Hudgins

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

## **7. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SIMPLY BITS AND THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT ALLOWING SIMPLY BITS TO PLACE EQUIPMENT ON THE TOWER LOCATED AT STATION 370

Chief Karrer explained that this is the same agreement that was presented and approved by the Governing Board in November. However, it was brought to our [GRFD's] attention that the original agreement had an error in the amount Simply Bits was being charged for one of the antennas. All other items remain unchanged in the document.

**MOTION** by Board Member Clark to approve the amended agreement between Simply Bits and the Golder Ranch Fire District as presented

**MOTION SECONDED** by Vice Chair Brady

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STATE OF THE FLEET

Logistics Manager Jeff Rowe presented to the Governing Board an overview of the current status of the Golder Ranch Fire District's fleet. Manager Rowe answered questions from the Board. Chief Karrer explained that the Capital Improvement Plan describes the timeline for replacements of the District apparatus. Chief Karrer stated that he will not compromise on safety. The District needs to formulate a plan for the next fiscal year to begin addressing some of the issues in the upcoming budget study session. There were discussions about the possibility of changing staffing models in the future as well.

**NO MOTION IS NECESSARY FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM**

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF A BUDGET STUDY SESSION FOR THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT'S 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The Governing Board discussed with Staff possible dates for a budget study session for the Golder Ranch Fire District's 2015/2016 fiscal year budget. The study session was set for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

**NO MOTION IS NECESSARY FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM**



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

Finance Manager David Christian presented the reconciliation and monthly financial report to the Board.

**MOTION** by Board Member Clark to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report as presented

**MOTION SECONDED** by Clerk Dahl

**MOTION CARRIED** 5/0

**8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Fire Chief's Report - Chief Karrer presented his report to the Board. Chief Karrer stated that he went to the Avra Valley's grand opening for a station in the Red Rock Community; they accomplished a similar deal with Pulte Homes as Golder Ranch Fire did at SaddleBrooke Ranch. There is a legislative "meet and greet" on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. It has been set up by the unions of Golder Ranch Fire and Northwest Fire Districts, the IAFF, and the fire chiefs. The unions and the chiefs have come together as "one voice"; the common goal is to have local control.

- Leadership Team Report – President Lunde commented on the Local 3832's involvement in the legislative "meet and greet".
- Community Relations Report – Manager Braswell reported that Golder Ranch Fire has reached a milestone – there are now 1,000 likes on the Golder Ranch Fire District Facebook page.

B. Operation Chief's Report – Chief Brandhuber presented his report to the Board. He asked that Chief Hurguy explain some changes to the Community Paramedicine program. Chief Hurguy stated that Oro Valley Hospital has expanded its physician participation. The University Medical Center (UMC) has also joined the program and has agreed to participate in a cost recovery portion as well. UMC has asked that we take all of their patient discharges that are in areas that do not currently have a program in place (Rio Rico is currently the only area that does). Chief Brandhuber wanted to publically thank Chief Hurguy and Captain Lamanda for all of their efforts on this program.

Chief Brandhuber also reported that the Battalion Chiefs are working diligently on reducing overtime to meet the end of the year goal. Chief Brandhuber and Chief Karrer will be holding meetings with all suppression employees that are at the rank of engineer and below. The on-duty crews have become more involved in Public Education – it has been well received with a lot of positive feedback.



C. Administrative Services Chief's Report – Chief Karrer presented the Administrative Services Report on behalf of Chief Abel. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*This provides an opportunity for the Board to direct staff to include items on future agendas for further consideration and decision at a later date or to further study the matter.*

- February 10, 2015 – Regular Session
- Chief Karrer may add an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues

## **10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Will Loesche announced that State Fire Marshal Bob Barger is retiring from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Clerk Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Hudgins

**MOTION CARRIED** 5/0



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

