

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 17, 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, November 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Clerk David Dahl, Board Member Mark Clark, Board Member Richard Hudgins

Excused Absence: Vice-Chairperson Steve Brady

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Pat Abel, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Finance Manager Dave Christian, Legal Counsel Donna Aversa, 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

Clerk Dahl asked for a moment of silence for those affected by the tragedy in Paris, France. Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder commented on the Strategic Planning Session. She received a lot of good information and appreciated the public input.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public issues were presented.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE MINUTES – October 13, 2015 Regular Session
- B. APPROVE MINUTES – November 4, 2015 Strategic Planning Study Session
- C. APPROVE MINUTES – November 5, 2015 Strategic Planning Study Session

MOTION by Clerk Dahl to accept and approve item 5, the November 17, 2015 Consent Agenda

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE BOARD APPROVED 2016-2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Chief Karrer explained that there are changes that need to be made to the approved Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) due to some major brake failures one of the engines in our current fleet. We are only changing the use of the funds of the CIP to a different time.



Chief Karrer also stated that the asphalt of the administration campus needed to be repaired; we had originally budgeted to have Station 374 redone. This same strip of asphalt has been repaired several times previously. An engineer came to evaluate the repair, and recommended that it be replaced with concrete. The Board had some follow up questions about the concrete and the costs associated with them.

Finance Manager Christian explained the additional funds that were available from the general fund surplus, as well as from the Wildland Special Revenue fund to help supplement the CIP.

MOTION by Board Member Hudgins to approve committing \$192,000 of additional funds to the Board-approved 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Dahl

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE BOARD APPROVED 2016-2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Chief Karrer explained that the 2015 Type III Engine is an ideal addition to our current fleet. He continued that this is the type of engine that is sent on the state land fires during Wildland season. He also explained that this past Wildland season was very active and they are expecting to have another busy Wildland season again next year.

He explained the Type III could be purchased with funds received from Wildland revenues, essentially putting the funds back into the Wildland program. Jeff Rowe and Chief Brandhuber provided additional supporting information to the Board. If we purchased it, it would be available by March, before the next Wildland season begins.

Manager Christian provided some information to the Board on the preliminary numbers for a lease-purchase option. He stated that Chase has provided him with a soft quote of 1.9%, with a payment of \$65,000 for a six year lease. He also explained that the Board could choose to purchase the engine with cash. Manager Christian recommended purchasing the vehicle and the utilizing the lease to reimburse ourselves for the purchase, we would then utilize the Wildland revenues to fund the payments of the lease.

MOTION by Board Member Clark to approve the purchase of a new Type III (HME Model 34) not to exceed \$420,000 utilizing necessary current district funds for any down payment needed and then to move forward with entering into a lease purchase agreement to complete the purchase

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

C. 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. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.



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

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Dahl

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Fire Chief's Report - Chief Karrer presented his report to the Board. He highlighted the Community Hero awards that were received by Firefighter Kroger and Firefighter Szach. He also discussed the push from AFDA, AFCA, and PFFA to remove the \$3.25 cap placed on the tax levy; 30% of the fire districts in the state are in serious jeopardy. He stated that Mountain Vista Fire District (MVFD) had a board meeting and announced the interim chief will not be permitted to test for the permanent position.
- Leadership Team Report – President Lunde presented the leadership report to the Board. He stated that they will be hosting the Second Annual BBQ event on December 12, to help to support the local charities. He also thanked the Board for their support with the Family Christmas Party.
 - Community Relations Report – Anne Marie presented her report to the Board. No further questions or comments from the Board. She discussed the Be a Santa to a Senior Program. She also stated that the Toys for Kids Program is in full swing.
- B. Operation Chief's Report – Chief Brandhuber presented his report to the Board. He also thanked the Board for their continued support of the District. Chief Hurguy and Chief Brandhuber met with Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief of DHS. Chief Mullins asked Chief Hurguy to speak at a state meeting regarding our Community Paramedic Program.
- C. Administrative Services Chief's Report – Logistics Manager Rowe presented the Administrative Services report to the Board. FM Loesche recognized Phyllis Carnahan for her volunteer work while visiting Colorado this summer and the local fire department.

Board Member Hudgins asked for an update on the Camino Cielo property issues. Chief Karrer provided the Board Member Hudgins and the Fire Board an update.

Board Member Clark reported that he received feedback from a call that GRFD responded to and went above and beyond and reminded everyone that those things do not go unnoticed.

8. 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.

- December 8, 2015 – Regular Session
- Board Elections and meeting dates

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public issues were presented.



10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Clerk Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 4/0



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

