

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, July 17, 2017 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 Monday, July 17, 2017 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 telephonically

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Patrick Abel, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Finance Manager Dave Christian, Attorney 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

Board Member Clark commended the Golder Ranch Fire District and the Town of Oro Valley on the 4th of July celebration. It was a great event.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017 REGULAR SESSION
- B. APPROVE MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION (1)
- C. APPROVE MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION (2)
- D. APPROVE OF RESOLUTION #2017-0004 FORMALLY ADOPTING THE UPDATED GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT FEE SCHEULE
- E. APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BETWEEN GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT AN THREE POINTS FIRE DISTRICT
- F. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2017-0005 DECLARING AUGUST, 2017 DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH AT THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
- G. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2017-0006 APPROVING AND FORMALLY ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN (SSDP) ESTABLISHED BY THE ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-952 FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SSDP
- H. APPROVAL OF A TRUST AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT AND FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY TO ESTABLISH A TRUST EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(A) OF THE CODE TO HOLD AND INVEST PLAN ASSESTS UNDER THE PLAN FOR EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLAN AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 457(G) OF THE CODE



- I. APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT AND HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS CENTERS, L.L.C. FOR CONTINUATION OF THE NEAR-SITE HEALTHCARE CLINIC SERVICES
- J. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 10 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT AND NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT FOR DISPATCH SERVICES
- K. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT AND VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A CELLULAR TOWER ON THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT CAMPUS
- L. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED SICK LEAVE POLICY (1605) AND A NEW EARNED PAID SICK TIME POLICY (1626)

MOTION by Clerk Dahl to approve Consent Agenda as presented

MOTION SECONDED by Vice Chair Brady

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Karrer presented his report to the Governing Board. He added that the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) and Arizona Fire Districts Association (AFDA) held their annual conference together. He, Chief Abel, and Chief Horvath attended. Chief Karrer and Chief Horvath met with Hunter Moore with the governor's office to discuss the consolidation process. Chief Karrer thanked Chief Horvath for setting up the meeting. He added that this has already been active Wildland season.
 - LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – President Lunde stated that the 4th of July Celebration was a big success. The Union sold hamburgers at the event and raised \$1800 for their charity fund. Vice President Howe and President Lunde attended AFCA/AFDA conference. President Lunde has been working with President Hatfield [from MVFD] on consolidation.
 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – Manager Braswell presented her report to the Board. She added that we [GRFD] are actively participating with KVOA collecting school supplies for area schools. She continued that there is an HOA in Sun City who began collecting donations for the Wildland Team; she wanted to publically thank them.
- B. OPERATION CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brandhuber presented his report to the Governing Board. He had nothing additional to add. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
- C. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Abel presented his report to the Governing Board. The Fire and Life Safety Division has completed 100% of inspections, this is over 1000 occupancies, for this fiscal year. Derek Rotekier passed his Inspector I and Brenda Staggs passed her Inspector II test; he congratulated them both.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

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



Finance Manager Christian presented the monthly financials and reconciliation, as well as the end of year wrap-up for the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget to the Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

MOTION by Vice Chair Brady 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

B. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT THE MOUNTAIN VISTA FIRE DISTRICT

Chief Karrer and Chief Horvath thanked the Board and the staff of both districts for all of the work that has been completed to get both Districts to this point. Both chiefs stated that the consolidation was still in the best interest for the communities served.

Scott Somers and Mike Burton from Fitch and Associates presented to the Governing Board the final report from the fire district consolidation feasibility study that was completed. They used a variety of outside resources to provide an independent review of the feasibility of the consolidation as well as an in-depth study of both districts financial information. They presented the financial impacts to both Districts including debts, liabilities and assets. They provided and discussed with the board an overview of the benefits to each agency and the efficiencies that would be realized due to the economy of scale, such as possibly reduced workers compensation insurance and health insurance examples. They explained that possible revenue increases related to ambulance transportation would be contingent on the possibility of CON expansion. It was made clear that this was a separate application process through the Arizona Department of Health Services and that once the Districts were consolidated; a request could be made to expand the CON if the District so chose. They further explained and discussed the potential injuries to the consolidated District and the residents as: costs to rebrand Mountain Vista assets, cost of uniforms for new personnel, debt incurred by Mountain Vista Fire District that would be absorbed by Golder Ranch Fire District, cost associated with the transfer of titles and official documents and unknown expenses that have yet to be discovered.

Board Member Clark stated thanked the Fitch and Associates representatives for their work. He continued that he believes that the consolidation of two well-run districts is a good idea. He continued that the idea of a seven-person board does not appeal to him. Chairperson Cox Golder stated that we have discussed the idea of an Emergency Services Commission to be represented by residents of the Mountain Vista Fire District.

Chief Karrer stated that the letters from both Pinal County and Pima County, as well as, the resolutions from the Town of Oro Valley and the Town of Marana were included in the board packet for the Board's review. Chairperson Cox Golder stated that she has also had members from these Boards personally express their support for the consolidation.

- OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING – Chairperson Cox Golder opened the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. – No public comments were made.
- CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING – Chairperson Cox Golder then closed the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.



NO MOTION NEEDED FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION #2017-0007 APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATION WITH MOUNTAIN VISTA FIRE DISTRICT AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE, NECESSITY OR WELFARE WILL BE PROMOTED BY THE CONSOLIDATION

Chairperson Cox Golder stated that if anyone has any questions or comments, the Board welcomes them; she continued that the Governing Board is very transparent. She also stated that she will welcome all Mountain Vista Fire District staff and residents to the Golder Ranch Fire District family.

MOTION by Board Member Clark to approve Resolution #2017-0007 approving the consolidation with Mountain Vista Fire District and determining that the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or welfare will be promoted by the consolidation
MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chair Brady
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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.

- Pending vote at MVFD tonight, there will be a meeting on Thursday, July 20th
- August 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Attorney Donna Aversa wanted to recognize the fire chiefs of both fire districts, as well as their staff for all of the hours of work that have been put into making this consolidation possible.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Clerk Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.
MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Clark
MOTION CARRIED 5/0



David Dahl, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
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