

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
3885 E. GOLDER RANCH DRIVE, TUCSON AZ 85739
MAY 16, 2019 – 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lisa Lehmann called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 9:02 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Lisa Lehmann, Co-Chair Barbara McClure, Committee Member Bruce Baca, Committee Member Bill Einecker, Committee Member Tim Fudge, Committee Member Lee Mayes, Committee Member Erinn Oller

Excused Absence: Committee Member John Klippstein

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. APPROVE MINUTES APRIL 25, 2019
- b. APPROVE MINUTES MAY 2, 2019

MOTION by Bruce Baca to approve the consent agenda

MOTION SECONDED by Committee Member Bill Einecker

MOTION CARRIED 7/0

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL POSSIBLE PROJECTS
Fire Chief Randy Karrer presented to the committee a complete list of the projects that were initially cut out of the bond requests as requested by the committee from the last meeting.

Chief Abel explained each of those projects in more detail which included concrete for training grounds, an additional million dollars added for a new station, a solar project for parking facilities and another two million dollars for a future remodel of a station, as the bond will be over 20 years.

Committee Member Baca asked for more clarification on the solar project. Chief Karrer explained that we are not big enough (like school districts) but thought we could add solar options to the larger campuses of stations 370



and 380 campuses. Mr. Baca asked if all stations were owned by Golder Ranch Fire District. Chief Karrer explained all, except SaddleBrooke Ranch. We will be building a new station in that area. Committee Member Einecker asked about the costs savings if solar was added, Chief Abel stated there was a breakdown, but he did not have the numbers in front of him.

Committee Member Einecker wanted clarification on the station remodel and adding protective areas, if that would bring all stations up to the safety requirements. Chief Brandhuber answered that it would.

Committee Member Fudge asked about the exhaust systems; Chief Karrer explained that the exhaust systems that will come out of the operating budget.

Committee Member Mayes asked if the committee could go line by line and discuss each item and the committee's thoughts about each of them. The committee member discussed each item in more detail. He stated that the station alerting system infrastructure was definitely needed. Committee Member Oller asked why the communication infrastructure was in phase two, Chief Brandhuber explained the differences of the station alerting systems and communications infrastructure. Member Baca asked if land acquisitions is included in the new station purchases. Mr. Einecker asked what happens if the land acquisition is not needed, what happens to that money. Chief Karrer explained the bonds do not have to be sold. Mr. Fudge asked about the addition to 375 and if any land would be added to that project. Chief Karrer explained that there was no land to be added. Mr. Einecker asked about the interest rate on the current mortgage rate of station 379 and 380. Mr. Mayes asked about the concrete project for each station, even if there are no current issues.

b. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MARK READER OF STIFEL

Mark Reader provided financial information for the proposed bond including estimated debt services requirements and projected impact on secondary tax rate, estimated average costs to the taxpayer, top ten major taxpayers by net limited assessed valuation, fire district bond election history. Mr. Reader answered questions from the committee.

Mr. Reader stated that the next step is for this committee to move forward with a presentation to the governing board and ask them to call for an election, if they see fit.

The committee took a brief break at 10:27 a.m. the reconvened at 10:38 a.m.



c. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A PRESENTATION TO THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Chief Karrer explained that the committee's next step is to go to the board with the committee's recommendation with what projects and how much the board should consider calling for a bond election. Co-Chair McClure, Member Einecker, stated they were comfortable with the projects and proposed bond amounts presented.

Chief Abel stated that if there were a priority of the additional "wish-list" items the additional million to the new fire station for the additional fees that were discussed, the second would be the station remodel, and the last priority would be the solar projects. Mr. Baca would like to see the additional million for the new fire station to be included in the bond amount. Co-Chair McClure asked about applying for a community bond grant to pay for the architect fees. There were discussions by the committee members on the specific projects and the timeline of the projects and Chief Karrer answered questions from the committee members. Mr. Einecker asked about the current tax rate and asked if Chief Karrer foresees having to raise the tax rate in the future. Chief Karrer stated that right now we are flat, we try to stay within the range and it will depend on the growth and assessed values of the district. The governing board is

MOTION by Committee Member Baca to move forward with a recommendation to the governing board to move forward with the \$26, 600 million with the projects on the internal capital needs assessment provided by staff.

MOTION SECONDED by Committee Member Einecker

MOTION CARRIED 7/0

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Committee Member Fudge to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Committee Member Mayes

MOTION CARRIED 7/0

Lisa Lehmann, Chairperson
Golder Ranch Fire District Bond Committee
b/p

