

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

November 16, 2021 9:00 a.m.

3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Fire Board Chairperson Cox Golder called the meeting to order on November 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Richard Hudgins, Clerk Wally Vette (via Zoom), Board Member Albert Pesqueira, and Board Member Steve Brady

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Patrick Abel, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Assistant Chief Robb, Finance Manager Dave Christian, Local 3832 President Jones, Board Services Manager Brooke Painter, and Legal Counsel Donna Aversa

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS

Vice-Chair Hudgins noted that he, Board Member Brady, and Board Member Vette attended CMSgt. Brandhuber's military retirement ceremony on November 13, 2021. He congratulated Chief Brandhuber on his recent retirement after 33 years of service and thanked him for his service.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF PERSONNEL

YEARS OF SERVICE

- BROOKE PAINTER – 20 YEARS

Board Services Manager Painter received her pin for 20 years of service.

RETIREMENT

- ROBERT RUSSO

Retired Engineer Russo received a plaque, flags, and an axe in recognition of his recent retirement.



6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2021 REGULAR SESSION
- B. APPROVE MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the November 16, 2021 Consent Agenda

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

2. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Karrer presented the Fire Chief's Report to the Governing Board. He added that Drexel Heights Fire District lost a fire captain and he offered a moment of silence.
 - LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – Vice-President Hatfield reported that the twenty-year player's pub event will be held on December 4th and 5th. He also noted that Mike McDade is hosting a Christmas party to raise funds and toys for the Catalina tow truck driver who passed suddenly on the job.
- B. PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Abel presented the Logistics/Planning Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
- C. ESSENTIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brandhuber presented the Essential Services Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
- D. EMERGENCY RESPONSE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Robb presented the Operations Assistant Chief's Report to the Governing Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE AUDIT RESULTS PRESENTED BY BEACH FLEISCHMAN AND THE DRAFT ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Lydia Hunter from Beach Fleischman presented the audit results and provided the board a draft of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the audit report and draft Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as presented



MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Pesqueira
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE SHANNON/OVERTON PROPERTY MODIFYING THE SALE PRICE AND APPROVING THE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROPERTY AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0012

Chief Karrer explained that the purchaser of the Shannon/Overton property had informed our realtor that they were canceling the purchase, without a specific reason. It was then determined that the CCRs that were implemented were too restrictive and the cost of development would be too expensive. He continued that he asked the realtor to reopen negotiations, they agreed and the CCRs were adjusted. They offered \$300,000 and we countered \$325,000; they accepted. The original price was \$350,000. Manager Christian added that the District is not losing money in this deal. Manager Christian answered a question from Board Member Brady about the changes to the CCRs.

This amended contract, along with the updated resolution reflects these changes.

MOTION by Board Member Brady to approve the updated contract for the sale of the Shannon/Overton property modifying the sale price and approving the covenants, conditions, and restrictions on the property and approval of Resolution number 2021-0012 as presented

MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chair Hudgins
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN UPDATED TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES: 1048 – HOLIDAY TIME OFF AND 1042 – DRIVER’S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Chief Brandhuber explained that there is new federal holiday being proposed (Juneteenth) in the holiday policy as well as a new procedure on how holidays are entered in the new timekeeping system, allowing more flexibility on which holidays would like to observe.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the following amended policies: 1048 – Holiday Time Off and 1042 – Driver’s License Requirements with the stipulation the Juneteenth holiday be effective next fiscal year for budgetary purposes, but the other changes in the policy effective immediately

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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



Finance Manager Christian presented the monthly financials and reconciliation for Golder Ranch Fire District to the Governing Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial reports as presented

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

- E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AN UPDATE ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, NOTICE OF CLAIM RECEIVED, AND POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION **Note – executive sessions are confidential pursuant to Arizona law.

Chief Karrer noted that he met with legal counsel and the defense attorney and they are currently interviewing employees. The Board did not need to go into Executive Session.

4. 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 study the matter further.

- Chief Karrer added that Chief Loesche would be retiring and will be honored at a lunch reception on December 9, 2021.
- Regularly Scheduled Meeting – December 21, 2021

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Board Member Pesqueira read a memo that he is resigning from the Governing Board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Board Member Brady to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chair Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
b/p

