

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
February 15, 2022 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 February 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Richard Hudgins, Board Member Steve Brady, and Board Member Outlaw. Board Clerk Vette was absent.

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 via Zoom, Board Services Specialist Maggie Hernandez, and Legal Counsel Donna Aversa

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS

There were no comments.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF PERSONNEL

YEARS OF SERVICE

- JAMES HANSEL – 25 YEARS
- GARRETT ALEXANDER – 5 YEARS
- JUSTIN FLYNN – 5 YEARS
- CAMDEN GARCIA – 5 YEARS
- DANIEL HUBER – 5 YEARS
- AARON KARRER – 5 YEARS
- JIMMY LABAS – 5 YEARS
- JUSTIN MORGAN – 5 YEARS
- CODY TARBILL – 5 YEARS



- KEVIN WEBER – 5 YEARS

Captain Spanarella presented Camden Garcia with his 5-year pin. Chief Robb presented Daniel Huber and Aaron Karrer with their 5-year pins. Chief Karrer thanked them for their service and dedication to the organization. James Hansel, Garrett Alexander, Justin Flynn, Jimmy Labas, Justin Morgan, Cody Tarbill, and Kevin Weber were unable to attend.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2022 REGULAR SESSION
- B. APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PINAL COUNTY ELECTIONS AND RECORDERS DEPARTMENTS FOR ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES FOR A POSSIBLE ELECTION TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON THE GOVERNING BOARD TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the February 15, 2022 Consent Agenda
MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady
MOTION CARRIED 4/0

7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Karrer presented the Fire Chief's Report to the Governing Board. Chief Karrer said four chief officers attended the inaugural Fire Chief Officers Program the week prior. He stated that Chief Brandhuber went up to legislature regarding the CON bill we supported at the last regular board meeting. Chief Karrer said the organization is doing well despite difficulties with inflation. He added that we received salary surveys and have started to evaluate where we are with regards to inflation and will bring it to the Board in the next few months. Chief Karrer said we will have to make adjustments to stay competitive and we need about twenty-five people in the next recruitment. Manager Christian said we will hold a budget study session in April most likely. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
 - LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – President Jones said he did not have anything to report except to extend an invitation for the annual archery barbecue event on March 5th. Chief Karrer added that the barbecue event is the Jose Samaniego Archery Event that benefits local charities through our union.
- B. PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Abel presented the Logistics/Planning Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. Chief Abel stated that Arizona State Land Department's board met and voted unanimously for the land for station 378. The next step is to put the land out for auction. Chief Cesarek gave an update on the Hanley building stating we are in fast forward, even after a hurdle with WSM and Covid last month. Chief Cesarek added that electrical engineers were on site last week and we are working through the drawings and the electrical design setup for the future. He said we will hold weekly meetings with the architect. Chairperson Cox Golder asked if the



architect wants to do anything with the board room. Chief Cesarek answered yes, and that the beams are in the way, but they are structural, so we will work around them and make it look nice. Vice-Chair Hudgins requested that the Board be able to view architect's design as well. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.

- C. ESSENTIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brandhuber presented the Essential Services Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. He thanked Managers Christian, Delong, Rascon, and Chief Perry for doing really big things and working hard. Chief Brandhuber said he was scheduled to speak at legislature but did not get to due to time constraints. He commented that the AZ Ambulance Association agrees with legislation, however, AMR does not agree and is against the legislation. Chief Brandhuber shared his opinion on why the private sectors, such as AMR and Rural/Metro, are against the CON legislation. Chairperson Cox Golder congratulated Chief Brandhuber on his Southeastern Arizona EMS Council (SAEMS) re-election. Chairperson Cox Golder asked if wait times have improved at hospitals. Chief Brandhuber replied yes, on a regional perspective. Chief Rutherford answered that they have worked really hard to continue relationships with the hospitals to improve wait times and added that morale has increased quite a bit. Chief Brandhuber complemented the IT department and, especially, Artan Bela for working hard to assist. Chairperson Cox Golder asked about the strategic plan. Chief Robb stated that Chief Perry has helped with ISO rating, etc. Chief Robb thanked Chiefs Pearce and Grissom for their "outside of the box" thinking to work through issues that arise. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
- D. EMERGENCY RESPONSE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Robb presented the Operations Assistant Chief's Report to the Governing Board. Chairperson Cox Golder commented that use of masks seemed to decrease the Covid numbers. There were no further questions comments from the Board.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRYCER, "COMPLIANCE ENGINE," FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING SOFTWARE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO PRIVATE CONTRACTOR SERVICE AND INSPECTION RECORDS COMPLETED AT COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Fire Marshal Jenn Akins presented background information on Compliance Engine. She stated it is a third party company that manages all inspection reports at no cost to GRFD.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the service agreement with Brycer, "Compliance Engine," for the purpose of implementing software to allow access to private contractor service and inspection records completed at commercial occupancies within the district



MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady
MOTION CARRIED 4/0

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION NO. EMW-2021-FG-05499 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT TO SERVE AS THE HOST AGENCY FOR A REGIONAL GRANT TO PURCHASE P-25 COMPLIANT, DUAL-BAND RADIO EQUIPMENT

Chief Robb stated that this is to enhance our radio communications. He said that Northwest Fire District hosted the 2019 grant. Vice-Chair Hudgins asked if we are staying with Motorola. Chief Robb said we are going to stay open to other vendors. He added that we have not received grant yet, but want to stay ahead. Board Member Brady asked if there is cost associated for other departments. Chief Robb replied yes. Board Member Brady asked if we still have a captain at dispatch. Chief Robb replied yes, we have Captain Adam Lundeberg.

MOTION by Board Member Brady to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Regional Grant Application No. EMW-2021-FG-05499 for the purpose of Golder Ranch Fire District to serve as the host agency for a regional grant to purchase P-25 compliant, dual-banded radio equipment

MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chair Hudgins
MOTION CARRIED 4/0

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER 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 Outlaw
MOTION CARRIED 4/0

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 study the matter further.

Board Member Brady asked about the SOC (standards of cover) survey. Chief Brandhuber thanked Chief Perry and Manager Braswell for their work on setting things up. Chief Perry said the feedback they received was overwhelmingly positive.

- Regularly Scheduled Meeting – March 15, 2022



- Budget meetings
- Recruitment


10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 4/0



Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
m/h

