



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843, Golden, Colorado 80403

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2025, 7:00 PM
Board Meeting

In Person:

Golden Gate Grange
25201 Golden Gate Canyon Rd.
Golden CO 80403

Recorded Session

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- **Meeting Called to Order**

- 7:00 PM MDT

- **Board Members Present**

- Deb Curlee, President
- Marith Reheis, Vice President
- Dave Primmer, Member
- Mike Sever, Treasurer
- Karla Grahn, Secretary

- **Changes to Agenda**

- Add item 4.4 in old business Resolution on Dissolving the Executive Committee

- **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**

- None

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- June 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Moved by Reheis, second by Sever – **Passes**
 - Aye (Mike Sever, Marith Reheis, Deb Curlee, Karla Grahn)
 - Nay (Primmer)

- **Treasurer's Report** (see June 2025 Monthly Financial Summary posted online for details, also see YouTube, 7:15 -12:47)

- For the period covering June 2025, the District's Total Expenditures were \$25,650.13. Expenditures included \$5,000 (20% of the total expenditure) for the insurance deductible approved during the June meeting, \$4,060.90 for personal protective equipment (PPE) apparel, and \$2,621.02 for the woodchipper and dumpsters utilized at last month's slash day. The remaining 46% of the expenses are attributed to general reoccurring expenses such as payroll, facility utilities and maintenance for Stations 81, 82, & 83, vehicle maintenance, insurance, office supplies, and other operational expenditures.
- Audit moving forward, just received an agreement and cost of \$3,000. Will be reviewing it and executing the agreement.

- Transaction Lists along with Profit and Loss documents will be provided at board meetings along with the documents being available upon request moving forward due to the format of the document not being able to be made ADA compliant for posting on the new website.
- **Chief's Report** – (see report posted on website for details, also see YouTube, 12:49-34:25)
 - Statewide Colorado wildlife resiliency code will be officially adopted by the state July 1, 2025. GGFPD and Jefferson County will be required to adopt a WUI code that meets the minimum requirements set forth in the statewide code by March 1, 2026. Receiving lots of questions about this resiliency code, which can be reviewed here: <https://dfpc.colorado.gov/WRCB>
 - The website from the old to the new state-run website has been completed
 - Slash collection event was a success and will become an annual event. Took 72 loads of slash from the community.
 - The fuels/mitigation division committee convened for its initial meetings to cast the vision for the division as well as start building a roadmap for implementation. Also added in a home assessment and education piece of this committee
 - CWPP update is on schedule.
 - Spending and Authorization request. Initial payment of the Techgen Wildland PPE equipment, this grant is done through the department paying for the equipment and then the department is reimbursed. The total cost is \$24,164 with reimbursement of \$20,000 so leftover expense would be \$4,164 which would be covered under the PPE budget for 2025. Motioned by Sever and second by Reheis. **PASS** Yea (Mike Sever, Dave Primmer, Karla Grahn, Marith Reheis, Deb Curlee)
- **Budget Committee** – (see discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 39:47-44:51).
 - Selecting members for the budget committee Motion made by Deb, second by Marith Reheis for Treasurer Mike Sever, Vice President Marith Reheis and Chief Benson be on the Committee along with requested by the Chief that the Bookkeeper is there to scribe and serve as an advisor. **Pass** Yea (Reheis, Curlee, Sever, Grahn, Nay (Primmer)
 - Dave Primmer set a motion for himself to be on the budget committee, no second for motion. Dave motioned adding a citizen to the budget committee and asked if Steve Green could be the citizen on the budget committee. No second on the motion
- **Direct Mail Card** - (see discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 44:52-51:45).
 - Every Door through the post office. 480 residents in district for \$315 and postage \$124.80 would be under \$500 a total of estimated amount of \$439.36. Community outreach has a budget that would allow this to be completed. Deb would like to include the new website, encourage signing up for email list and pig roast on the 4x6 card, and the company would handle all the printing but would like to have it go out in the coming month.
 - Marith motion to spend the estimated \$440 amount to send the card to the neighborhoods, second by Mike Sever. **Pass** Yea (Grahn, Sever, Reheis, Curlee), Nay (Primmer)
- **Meeting Minutes/Public Comment**– (see discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 51:46-57:16).
 - Board discussion about meeting minutes and what is included. Primmer thinks the meeting minutes should include more, Sever says that other boards he is on only report action items not what is said, Curlee restated that we are following the meeting minutes guidelines that were passed by the board at a previous meeting. As Secretary Karla will be following the meeting minute guidelines that are outlined on the GGFPD website.
- **Resolution for Dissolving the Executive Committee** - (see discussion on YouTube , Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 57:18-1:08:20).

- Primmer presented three resolutions,
 - first was to address dissolving executive committee, Primmer made a motion for this, no second received. Noted that the executive committee had already been dissolved after the new board was sworn in.
 - Second was addressing that all 5 board members will have to vote before spending money on lawyers, Primmer motion with no second, noted that this would require a change in the bylaws.
 - Third was asking that all communication between the chief and board members need to include all board members in the email or be cc. Primmer motioned, no second, noted that when all board members are communicated in an email it constitutes a meeting, and should be bcc all board members in communications.
- **Bylaws Committee** - (see discussion on YouTube , Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 1:08:27-1:13:17).
 - Board Bylaws have not been updated since 2011 and it is time provide updates to current state laws. Proposing a committee of two (2) board members to help update the bylaws. Deb moved to have Marith and Dave on the Bylaw Committee, second by Sever **Pass** Yea (Curlee, Reheis, Sever, Primmer, Grahm)
- **Question on Salary/Payroll-** (see discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 1:13:20-1:18:19).
 - Discussion on whether the Chief is salaried vs hourly and if he can charge back hours that are worked outside of the normal hours worked. Clarification was provided that the Chief is paid a set amount, does not matter how many hours he works, so if more hours are worked he cannot charge the district for more hours.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM – Moved by Marith, second by Mike – **Passes**
 - Unanimous vote

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