



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843. Golden Colorado. 80403

### Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

August 22, 2024 7:00 PM  
Board Meeting

#### **IN PERSON:**

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

#### **Recorded Session:**

[Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board Meeting \(youtube.com\)](#)

Closed captioning available, click on CC

#### • **Board Members Present**

- President Deb Curlee
- Vice President Niffy Ovuworie
- Secretary Marith Reheis
- Member Dave Primmer
- Member Steve Green

#### • **Meeting Called to Order**

- 7:00 PM MDT

#### • **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**

- Ovuworie stated that Green has a conflict of interest in Station 83 drainage problem

#### • **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes – **Passes**
  - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
  - Nay (Steve Green, Dave Primmer)

#### • **Changes to Agenda**

- Add action to discussion of engineer report on drainage problem

#### • **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer report posted online. \$524,532 currently held in accounts. Since January 2024 total in bank accounts has increased \$120,405. This is largely because we have been underspending thus far on vehicle and station improvements and have not yet paid for the CWPP. Green and Primmer requested copies of credit card statements for past year (August 2023-July 2024).

#### • **Chief's Report** – (see report to be posted on website for details) See YouTube, 49:25-1:16:35

- Very busy month for fire calls, including involvement of all firefighters in district for 3 days on the Goltra fire. A full report will be prepared on that fire.
- Awarded SIPA grant of \$5500 to update website
- **Motion to authorize \$5500 to website company to be reimbursed by grant** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
  - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis, Primmer)

#### • **Engineer report on drainage issue at Station 83** – (see report on website for details, [Section 33 - Agricultural District \(goldengatefire.org\)](#))

- Drainage problem at Station 83 is due to a culvert on the road above on private property currently owned by Green. Culvert funnels water from a road ditch onto the slope above the station; this sends water and sediment onto the back side of the station, causing flooding and sedimentation.
- Engineer recommends owner remove the culvert and redirect the water into the natural drainage, or

alternatively install an armored rip-rap swale on the slope below the culvert to redirect the water.

- Primmer stated culvert was installed by a previous owner perhaps in the 1990's. Green objected that referral to Jefferson County is unnecessary; that was already done by a previous board and the agreement failed. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 13:07-25:37 running time.
- **Motion to empower executive committee to contact Jefferson County and an attorney if needed to resolve drainage issue per engineer's recommendations** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
  - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
  - Nay (Primmer)
- **Issue with Firefighter-Bookkeeper**
  - Green and Primmer argued the current FF-bookkeeper is biased. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 25:44-33:25 running time.
  - **Motion to remove current bookkeeper** – Moved by Green, second by Primmer – **Fails**
    - Aye (Green, Primmer)
    - Nay (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
- **Firefighter response to call on 6/8/2024** not discussed due to chief's temporary absence on a call during the meeting.
- **2025 Budget Committee**
  - Budget committee should start meeting in September to meet deadlines. Ovuworie moved to reconstitute the committee to consist of himself as Treasurer, the Chief, and Mr. Green, but withdrew motion due to lack of a second. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 34:42-39:50 running time.
  - **Motion to form committee with Ovuworie, Benson, and Reheis** – Moved by Curlee, second by Ovuworie – **Passes**
    - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Primmer)
    - Nay (Green)
    - Abstain (Reheis)
- **Pest control at fire stations**
  - Efforts to control pests have not been successful, especially at Station 81, because no one is there full time to monitor traps etc. Two bids have been obtained. Community concerns at Station 81 if poison is used because of trophic transmission—dead mice eaten by local pets. To be discussed further at September meeting. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 39:50-41:10 and 1:05:20-1:07:10 running time.
- **Executive Committee**
  - Some members argued that the executive committee constitutes an end run around the full board.
  - Ovuworie reviewed the conditions in the bylaws that prevent the executive committee from making any decisions. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 41:10-45:41 running time.
  - **Motion to overturn the Executive Committee** – Moved by Primmer, second by Green – **Fails**
    - Aye (Green, Primmer)
    - Nay (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
- **Formation of Agenda** – Issue that some board members feel agenda items are omitted and that president controls the agenda. Curlee noted that board members have three opportunities to submit items; president does not control it. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 46:27-47:46 running time. See Agenda rules at: [Motion to clarify Section 8 of the District By.pdf \(goldengatefire.org\)](#)
- Director Green exited the meeting at 7:46 PM (48:45 on YouTube recording)
- **Agenda items 5.4 and 5.5 not discussed.**
- Motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes unanimously**