



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843. Golden Colorado. 80403

Meeting Minutes

(DRAFT)

October 24, 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 \(youtube.com\)](#)

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• **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

• **Changes to Agenda**

- Posting of credit card statements (Green); refer conflicts of interest over Station 83 drainage to counsel (Ovuworie); spending authorization for UTV purchase and Station 82 repairs (Benson); approval of continued membership in Colorado Cancer Trust (Benson)

• **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**

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

• **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- September 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes – **Passes**
- Primmer noted that minutes should include only facts, not opinions. Also requested minutes be sent to board within one week after the meeting.
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Steve Green, Dave Primmer)

• **Treasurer's Report** (see YouTube, running time 19:20-29:10)

- Treasurer report and draft 2025 budget are posted online. \$493,607 currently held in accounts. Main items: Tax revenue \$292,821 for operations. Transfer from reserves \$157,152 for capital expenses including building improvements, office equipment, vehicles, communications, and CWPP. Noted:
 - Chief compensation increased \$4800
 - Decreases in fuel, building improvements, and amount to be spent on CWPP
 - Facilities increase \$5000 for consumables (resident supplies) and pest control
 - Connectivity for firefighters with COTAC on calls, \$4000
 - 2025 election for mail-in ballots, \$14,000

• **Chief's Report** – (see report posted on website for details, also see YouTube, 29:15-50:32)

- Orkin treatments are in place at stations (includes rodents and insects)
- Revamped entire EMS inventory; replaced defunct thermal imaging cameras
- CWPP revision work with Ember Alliance has started
- Station 82 improvements needed: install heat pump, replace flooring and repair windows. Request authorization for \$15,000 spend as previously approved in 2024 budget
- Authorization to spend \$30,000 on purchase of replacement UTV as previously budgeted

- **2025 Budget Discussion**

- Election cost: Reheis obtained estimate of \$14,000 for mailed ballots. Green noted that having in-person election at a polling place would be half the cost of mail-in ballots. Reheis will investigate cost of in-person balloting and which method has larger voter turnout.
- Primmer objected to using reserve funds for expenditures. Reheis stated that most of the reserve funds will be used on capital expenditures already approved by the previous budget committee for 2024. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 52:50-1:13:45 running time.
- **Motion to approve draft 2025 budget** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
 - Aye (Curlee, Ovuworie, Reheis)
 - Nay (Green, Primmer)

- **Question about website posting** (see YouTube, 1:13:50-1:16:40)

- Primmer asked who posts information on the website. Reheis replied that Drew Kenyon posts items sent to the secretary for posting. He also asked that website page not describe GGFPD as “all-volunteer” when the chief is paid. Benson agreed.

- **Monthly credit card information should be posted on the website**

- Green and Primmer want treasurer to post all details from the two credit cards retroactive to January 2024t and going forward. See YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:16:45-1:21:10 running time.
- **Motion to post credit card data on website** – Moved by Green, second by Primmer – **Fails**
 - Aye (Green, Primmer)
 - Nay (Ovuworie, Curlee, Reheis)

- **Ovuworie comments to other board members**

- Primmer and Green want better cooperation on the board. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:21:20-1:24:35 running time.
- **Motion to work together in a non-threatening manner** – Moved by Primmer, second by Green – **Fails, lack of quorum**
 - Aye (Green, Primmer)
 - Abstain (Ovuworie, Curlee, Reheis)

- **Refer conflicts of interest regarding drainage at Station 83 to legal counsel**

- Ovuworie proposed referral of Green’s conflict of interest and interactions with Primmer to legal counsel. Already voted at September meeting to approve working together to resolve issue. Full discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:25:05-1:31:20 running time.
- Moved by Ovuworie, no second – **No action**

- **Authorization to approve expenditures for UTV and repairs to Station 82**

- Discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:31:30-1:35:45 running time.
- **Motion to approve expenses** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes unanimously**

- **Authorization to renew membership in Colorado Cancer Trust**

- Benefits firefighters and first responders for cancer, heart disease, or behavioral health caused by exposure during official duty. Discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, from 1:35:50-1:38:10 running time.
- Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes unanimously**

- **Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes unanimously**