



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 843. Golden Colorado. 80403

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

February 27, 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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- **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**
 - Primmer added 4.1 to Old Business, CORA request for all 2024 credit card statements
- **Conflict of Interest Affirmations**
 - None
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - December 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Dave Primmer, Steve Green)
 - January 20, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Dave Primmer, Steve Green)
 - January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Dave Primmer, Steve Green)
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Treasurer report and transaction lists posted online. \$360,667 currently held in accounts.
- **Chief's Report** – (see report posted on website for details, also see YouTube, 6:20-34:40)
 - Legislature is considering bills on vegetative fuels (enforcement of defensible space codes) and on state funding for firefighter education.
 - New website ready for Board review and for approval at March meeting.
 - Two UTVs purchased and initially outfitted. Old UTV and trailer will be posted for sale by sealed bidding; watch for announcement on GGFPD website, Craigslist, and social media.
 - CWPP update is on schedule; community event for input to be held March 31, 6-9 PM at Grange.

- **CORA request for 2024 credit card statements** – See YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 37:10-47:28 (recording hiatus from 38:20-44:00 due to restart of recording)
 - Primmer avers that Ovuworie redacted account numbers and names on credit card statements provided to Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition. Lawyer for the Coalition states there is no legal basis for redaction of names on accounts. Also requests details on Amazon purchases.
 - Motion to request legal opinion on redacting names; moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee -- **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Steve Green, Dave Primmer)
- **Annual Report of the Fire District** – See report posted on the website, and YouTube (51:10-53:10)
- **Resolution 25-27-02A to require affirmative board vote before incurring legal expenses** – See discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 53:15-57:40.
 - Moved by Green to accept resolution, second by Primmer – **Fails**
 - Aye (Dave Primmer, Steve Green)
 - Nay (Deb Curlee, Marith Reheis, Niffy Ovuworie)
- **Motion to allow Executive Committee to consult with attorneys in a timely fashion on CORA requests** – See discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 57:50-1:00:15.
 - Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Steve Green, Dave Primmer)
- **Resolution 25-27-02B, to dissolve Communication Authority**–See posting on website and YouTube recording, 1:00:20-1:03:50 running time.
 - Communication Authority has not functioned for many years, needs to be declared dead for DOLA.
 - Resolution presented by Reheis, second by Green – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis, Steve Green)
 - Nay (Dave Primmer)
- **Discussion of bids obtained to audit GGFPD financials** -- See discussion on YouTube, Golden Gate Fire Protection District, running time 1:03:55-1:17:10.
 - Have not been audited for seven years; supposed to be every five years.
 - **Motion to continue to explore conversation with Logan, Thomas, and Johnson, LLC** (lowest bidder) – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis -- **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis)
 - Nay (Steve Green)
 - Abstain? (Dave Primmer)
- **Motion to enter executive session to review Chief Benson's performance** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Reheis -- **Passes unanimously**
- **Motion to adjourn at 8:51 PM** – Moved by Ovuworie, second by Curlee – **Passes**
 - Aye (Deb Curlee, Niffy Ovuworie, Marith Reheis, Dave Primmer)