

Gold Hill Fire Protection District

Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes

October 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by chair Rich Lopez at 7:04 PM. Present were board members: Jess Brookhart, Boyd Brown and Chris Dieroff. Kent Coghill was excused. Chief Chris Finn and community members and fire fighters present: Max Yeager, Jeff Combelic, Kris Gibson, Val Wheeler, Marcus Moench, Mia Machammer, Leslie Finn.

Motion to include changes and pass August minutes passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt September minutes as written passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: 4 calls

1. Medical call-response was great-patient treated
2. Unattended camp fire at Rocky Point-extinguished
3. Smoke reported at bottom of Lickskillet-Sunshine, 4-Mile and Gold Hill all responded-no source found.
4. Smoke reported at Switzerland Trail-no source found.

Trainings were not well attended-1 of 2 was cancelled. Lots of people had scheduling conflicts.

Budget: Proposed 2022 budget discussion centered on one item to be added to proposed budget to fund a mill levy special election to take place in May of 2022. Our mill levy has not changed in many years to keep up with changing conditions and costs. The average household in the Gold Hill FPD pays only \$79 per year. Our mill levy is far below our neighboring districts. The proposed item added a line item of up to \$3000 to fund such a special election. Details and timeline of election should be available at November fire board meeting.

Motion to add such line item was passed unanimously.

Motion to accept 2022 budget with amendment passed unanimously.

Forestry Update: Mia stated that progress on mitigation started in August and although work is fantastic, progress is not as far as hoped by the end of season but will continue in spring and private contractor has been hired for their part of the work. As far as in town there will be dumpsters in town on 12/1 to take away slash from private property owners working on their own wildfire readiness. She also stated that there might be monies from a \$29,000 grant to help with expenses for property owners who need to hire help in mitigation.

November meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11/16/2021.

Respectfully Submitted:
Boyd Brown