

September 9, 2025

Bodega Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board

Board Members Present: Ron Albini, Vice President. Sarah Molica-Dougherty, Treasurer. James Piazza, Secretary.

Board Members Absent: David Hamilton

Others in Attendance: 11 Community Members

Meeting Called to order at 7:37 PM

Topics Discussed:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes
2. Update on Lease and Equipment
3. Rename Organization, Redefining Mission, Membership Criteria, Legal & Operational Boundaries
4. Treasurer's Report, including 501C3 Update.
5. Christmas Fair

- I. Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025, were approved.
- II. **Update on Gold Ridge lease and equipment.**

Eric Koenigshofer was scheduled to meet with Darren DeCarli, with the meeting planned for the following week. There was no update on the lease. The truck transfer to Gold Ridge was completed, with the trucks remaining in the Bodega community.

- III. **Rename Organization, Redefining Mission, Membership Criteria, Legal & Operational Boundaries.** Legal name change options selected by the board for community vote:

- A. Bodega Community Fire Association
- B. Bodega Community & Volunteer Association
- C. Bodega Community & Fire Alliance
- D. Bodega Community Association

Mission and Community Support

There was strong interest in maintaining the organization's role in supporting the broader Bodega community, including scholarships and emergency services not funded by the county or fire department. A proposal was made to expand scholarship opportunities to local youth, particularly those pursuing interests in agriculture or fire service.

Membership Criteria and Dues

The group explored the need to define membership eligibility, dues, and geographic boundaries. Suggestions included using the fire district map as a guide, setting annual dues (historically \$25 or \$50).

Voting Rights

Voting is open to paid members who are residents, property owners, or business owners within the district.

District Boundaries

The district encompasses an area beginning at Lauri Lane and extends eastward to include properties along Joy Road. It reaches south to the end of Joy Woods Way and continues east to incorporate Welling Ranch, the old Furlong Ranch, and Perucchi Ranch, located near Valley Ford Freestone Road.

From there, the boundary follows the west side of Valley Ford Freestone Road heading south to Highway 1. It includes properties along Highway 1 westward to the vicinity of Sonoma Coast Villa. The boundary then extends south to the Estero area, including Marcusen Ranch and surrounding parcels near Estero Lane.

Continuing north, the district includes areas along Highway 1, extending west to Bay Hill Road. It then reaches north to include Macche Ranch and the Welling Ranch located at the end of Salmon Creek Road. The boundary continues north to encompass Piazza Ranch, then extends east to Ryan Ranch and Bodega Pastures. The district loops back to the original starting point at the end of Lauri Lane

IV. Treasurer's Report.

Current Financial Balances (as of August 31, 2025):

- Exchange Bank: \$51,308.58
- Morgan Stanley Account (09/01/2025): \$434,638.60
- Total Funds Available: \$485,947.18

V. Christmas Fair Organization.

The group discussed organizing this year's Christmas Fair, with Jennifer Fox volunteering to lead the effort. Christmas Fair is scheduled for November 28-29, 2025. A quilt will be raffled off at the Christmas Fair.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.