Bodega Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes – Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: 06/09/2026
Meeting Called to Order: 7:50 PM

Board Members Present: Dave, Ron, Sarah, James

Board Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: 20 Community Members Present

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with correction noted; correct bank balance.

Meeting Notes

Gold Ridge Fire Department Lease

- Continued discussion of the proposed 15-year lease with a 15-year renewal option for the fire station.
- The primary concern remained Gold Ridge's refusal to provide a written commitment for station staffing, despite verbal assurances.
- Gold Ridge plans to remodel part of the station into dormitory space and has secured staffing grant funding. A Gold Ridge crew began regular inspections and training at the station every other Monday starting June 15, 2026.
- Board members expressed ongoing concerns regarding accountability, maintenance, and past commitments that were not fulfilled.

Community Input

- Community members voiced support for the lease while emphasizing the importance of maintaining reliable emergency services.
- It was noted that Gold Ridge's legal counsel is unwilling to include long-term staffing guarantees in the lease.
- County representatives stated they will continue advocating for station staffing but cannot require Gold Ridge to provide it.

Lease Revisions Discussed

The Board reviewed several requested amendments, including:

- Clarifying responsibility for annual property taxes.
- Attaching the previously agreed-upon boundary map to clearly define the leased premises.

Station Maintenance

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the station, including:

- Generator repairs
- SCBA compressor
- Heating system
- Missing door
- Lighting and door lock issues

Members emphasized the importance of addressing maintenance needs as a demonstration of commitment to the facility.

Motion and Vote

A motion was made to approve the lease with the addition of the agreed-upon boundary map to clarify the leased property.

Vote: 16 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Total funds as of June 1, 2026: $544,946.73
- Fiscal year ends June 30, 2026.
- Work continues on updating the organization's 501(c)(3) status with legal counsel.

Other Business

- Big Event is scheduled for August 2, 2026, and dessert donations are being requested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.