

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **Bodega Volunteer Fire Department**

### **Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board**

Board Members Present: Ron Albini, Vice President. David Hamilton, President. Sarah Molica Dougherty, Treasurer.

Board Members Absent: James Piazza, Secretary

Others in Attendance: 15 Community Members: Steve P, Shannon, Mackie, Denis, Vickie, Hazel, Jerry, Deana, Annette, Forest, Tara, Kelly, Brandi, Collette, Patty C.

Meeting Called to order at 7:35pm

Minutes of the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting approved with (Voting Rights)correction/addition, of the wording, "going back to": Voting is going back to being open to paid members who are residents, property owners, or business owners within the district.

#### **Topics Discussed:**

1. Update on Gold Ridge Lease
2. Review of Current Organization Name and Bylaws
3. Name of Organization Vote
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Crafts Fair

#### **Update on Gold Ridge Lease.**

The Board is still working on the lease with Eric Koenigshofer's guidance. We have someone coming to inspect the leach field and septic to give us an idea of how the three buildings relate to each other, and new system possibilities.

The new proposed lease for 15years will include any septic improvements, including leach fields, to be the responsibility of Gold Ridge Fire.

Once the lease is written up, it will come to a community meeting for a vote.

### **Review of Current Organization Name and Bylaws.**

Name discussion on the word "Fire" being included in the name, much support for having it in the name. Discussion of the definition of Association VS Alliance. Vote: 2(Bodega Community Association) 6(Bodega Community & Volunteer Association) 10(Bodega Community Fire Association)

### **New Name: Bodega Community Fire Association**

Discussion on Bylaws and getting them finalized.

Collette motion: Vote to approve Bylaws tonight pending lawyer final approval. **YES APPROVED**

### **Treasurer Report.**

Current Financial Balances (as of October 1, 2025)

\*Exchange Bank: \$77,471.21

\*Morgan Stanley Account: \$436,004.60

\*Total Available Funds: \$513,475.81

\*Arrival of the Property Tax Bill for the two Parcels: \$1872.78 & \$500.60

\*Another fine from FTB for late filing of 2023 taxes: \$45.64

### **Crafts Fair.**

Scheduled for November 28th-29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

\*\$100/table with a half table option

\*Discussion of the importance of Jen meeting with Crafts Fair participants to go over the rules of the hall, i.e.: no nails in

walls, etc. Reminder to the group of the need to properly clean the Hall.

**Public Comment:**

Concerns regarding the Quilt money which has gone to the BVFD in the past and is now partly split with the BLT. Decision that the quilters should vote amongst themselves as to where the fundraising money should go.

Discussion on where the money from donations will go. It was brought up that we had started talks on where the money will go at the last meeting.

**Ideas Exchanged:**

**\*Community Care Resources/ Emergency Services**

**\*Emergency Team in Bodega**

**\*Scholarships for Fire/Ag etc.**

**\*Grants for helping our community with fire mitigation, chipping, brush and debris clearing.**

**\*Disaster Response**

**\*Future building needs for Bodega Township**

This topic is an ongoing discussion.

A vote for the 5<sup>th</sup> Board Member will tentatively be in December. Importance of letting people know ahead of time so members can be present for the vote. Suggestions of 5<sup>th</sup> Board Member's responsibilities: Tie Breaker, Serjeant at Arms, Secretary Help

Discussion of the railing at the Post Office and other maintenance that's needed.

