

December 9th, 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: 9 Community Members: Steve P, Mackie, Denis A, Vickie W, Forest, Tara, Kelly, Collette, Shannon, Patty C.

Meeting Called to order at 7:35pm

Minutes of Nov.11th, 2025 Approved

Topics Discussed:

1. Update on Gold Ridge Lease
2. Update Current Organization Name and Bylaws
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Review Bids for Railing at Post Office and Floor Repair at McCaughey Hall
5. Upcoming Fundraisers, Polenta Feed March, Big Event Aug, 2, 2026.

Update on Gold Ridge Lease.

- The Board is still working with Gold Ridge to agree on lease terms. David spoke on what we know: They will pay our insurance and reimburse property tax for the Station, Post Office and Hall.
- The major issue is the current status of the septic and the possibility that it won't sustain full-time occupancy at

the Station and who should be responsible for the cost of any changes that are required.

- Emphasis on the necessary wording and the importance of getting this right, for a 15yr lease with a “forever” possibility.
- Lee Erickson may have some septic ideas.
- The idea of pumping the septic monthly was brought up. Gold Ridge uses this method at various stations including Valley Ford and Lakeville.
- Once the lease is written up, it will come to a community meeting for a vote.

Update Current Organization Name and Bylaws

- The Board has not received a response from the Lawyer after numerous attempts. The Board may be looking for new counsel.
- We will be collecting membership dues once the bylaws are finalized. (amount to be determined- Previous amount was \$50/household)

Treasurer Report

Current Financial Balances (as of December 1, 2025)

*Exchange Bank: \$92,785.81

*Morgan Stanley Account: \$438,965.34

*Total Available Funds: \$531,751.15

- The Crafts Fair raised \$1060.00 from table rentals. Thank you, Jen and others who helped. (Locals, Victor and Kooch Daniels won the quilt!!!)
- A P&L would be appreciated, and it is Sarah's intension to include this in the Treasurer's Report as soon as possible.

Review Bids for Railing at Post Office and Floor Repair at McCaughey Hall

- One proposal came in for the Floor Repair: Ellis Flooring at \$9,982.04. Included: Concrete repair and polishing of main Hall area. Installation of new Vinyl in Men's room.

Questions to be answered before moving forward: Will the surface be slick and how long would the finish last. Clarify if it will look nice and even.

All in favor of moving forward with Ellis Flooring's bid, upon clarity of the above questions.

- Two bids came in for the Post Office rail repair.

Alex Cosentino: \$6,340.00 and Richard Murphy: \$13,720.00

Clarification on proposed work. If it's Apples to Apples- Alex will be our choice. How will you mount the 4x4 uprights and what is included in each of these bids?

- Decision on Post Office Repair tabled to get more information.

Public Comment:

- Bodega Water Co meets at the Hall monthly, the non-profit needs a physical address, they asked to use the Hall address. More details and info are needed.
- Polenta Feed March 21st or 28th. Big Event August 2nd.