

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District
A Firewise Community
Meeting Minutes
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Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6 PM
Greenhorn Fire Station
2049 Red Bluff Circle
Greenhorn Ranch

1. Roll Call:

The meeting is called to order at 6:03 pm. Chair Rebecca Herrin present, Vice-Chair Greg Neal present, Director Amanda Higgins present, Director Katherine Miller-Sturley present.

Staff Anthony Campbell present.

2. Public Comment:

There are no public comments.

3. Board Comments and Reports:

There are no Board comments or reports.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of January 18, 2024:

M/S/C: Sturley/Neal/4-0.

5. Finance Reports:

- A. The monthly financial reports are accepted as submitted.

7. Water Department:

A. Update on Water System Issues. Anthony Campbell provides the update.

- There was a leak on Shooting Star last month. 11 to 12 customers were impacted. The system was drained as the isolation valves could not be located. The exact locations could be located using ground penetrating radar at some point, or some other method.
- The system is working properly, for the most part. Chlorine pumps are working.
- Well #2 now has an analog flow meter.
- Booster pumps should have replacements on standby. Matches could be found so that they will be able to be installed if needed.
- Eventually, the tanks need to have generators for power backup. Plumas Eureka CSD was able to obtain a grant for the installation, which may also be possible for Greenhorn.
- The tanks do not have slide gauges. Currently, if there is no power, the levels can't be read. Slide gauges will need professional installation.
- More discussion to come regarding these upgrades to the system.

8. Fire Department:

- A. **Update on Fire Department Activity.** Chief Rael submitted a written report.

- All new SCBAs have been received from the vendor. The invoice has been submitted to bookkeeping. Financial responsibility was 5% of total cost, approximately \$12,000. Grant accounted for supplying each seat of the engine with an SCBA, but not cost of spare tanks on the engine to replace the ones used by firefighters at the scene. The cost of these will be approximately \$1,800 per unit. Two spectacle masks have been ordered for firefighters who wear glasses. All structural firefighters have been fit tested with their masks and have completed the in-service training with new SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus).
- One new firefighter will be attending the fire academy in April. This is a 48-hour basic academy to learn basics of structural firefighting and fire behavior. Academy runs every Saturday in April and first Saturday in May. A graduation ceremony will be held on the last day and is open to the public.
- A live fire training will be held at the Quincy fire burn building on Tuesday, March 26th. This is a building constructed of two shipping containers welded together to represent a single-family dwelling, plumbed with propane lines which ignite “props” in the building. The exercise will include initial attack, forcible entry, fire behavior, line advancement, rapid intervention team, and more. This will be an opportunity for firefighters to use the new SCBAs and practice being safe in a controlled, live fire environment. (Directors Herrin and Neal attended the training. It was very informative to see our firefighters in action. Lots of flame and smoke too!)
- Uniforms haven’t been purchased in several years and some do not match. It has been difficult finding someone experienced with sewing patches on the Class B uniforms. But now new uniforms have been ordered and patches mailed to Down Range Chico. The uniform includes a navy blue Class B shirt (with patches sewn on). Firefighters have purchased their own pants. As the firefighters only wear the uniforms to certain meetings and public events, and do not staff the station like a career department would it is not necessary for the uniforms to be NFPA compliant Nomex. They consist of non-fire resistant material, which is more cost effective.

B. Status of Greenhorn Fire Department. *Discussion of possible annexation, consolidation action with Quincy Fire Protection District.*

9. Adjournment at 6:20 pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024.