

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District
A Firewise Community
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2024,
6 PM
Greenhorn Fire Station
2049 Red Bluff Circle
Greenhorn Ranch

1. Roll Call:

The meeting is called to order at 6:01 pm. Chair Rebecca Herrin present, Vice-Chair Greg Neal present, Director Amanda Higgins present.

Manager Anthony Campbell present. Chief Tyson Rael 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 meeting of July 18, 2024:

M/S/C: Higgins/Neal/3-0.

5. Finance Reports:

A. The monthly financial reports are accepted as submitted.

6. Resolution 2024-7116-Resolution Adopting the Conflict-of-Interest Code for the Greenhorn Creek Community Services District:

The Conflict-of-Interest code is required to be adopted every year.

M/S/C: Higgins/Neal/3-0

7. Water Department:

A. Update on Water System Issues. Water System Manager Campbell presents a report on the issues. Superior Tank has been contacted regarding the slide gauges for the tank. This project will take approximately 8 hours and the tank will have to be completely drained because equipment must be installed inside the tank. The tank will be cleaned while it is drained. The installation is anticipated to happen early in September.

Discussion of water service connections on the District side and on the customer side. Discussion of locating lines and the unknown locations of most of the lines and valves in the District. Turning off the supply at the tank disconnects everyone's supply.

8. Fire Department:

A. Update on Fire Department Activity. Chief Rael provides the update. Rael has been meeting with Frank Carey, Quincy Fire Chief, regarding service plans.

There was a meeting of the Fire Chiefs Association. There was discussion about filing resource orders for the Mill Fire response by the Department. OES Wildland Firefighter training: firefighters must receive minimum or greater level of training and sign-off of the Chief. There will be training over the winter. Firefighters must respond at least once a year with required supervision and certification. This response can include prescribed fires in the County.

The Department anticipates receiving a donated light rescue truck from Plumas Eureka Fire Department. This vehicle is an F-350 crew cab pickup with utility bed. It can be driven to incidents by anyone with a driver's license, without the emergency driver training and licensing requirements. The vehicle will be able to access hills within the District more easily and be better in icy conditions than the other engines.

Rael's current vehicle, which is also the Chief's vehicle, will be replaced. After many years, a settlement was reached under the "Lemon Law". Sierra Electronics will fit out the new pickup on September 21st. Some equipment from the old pickup can be used and some replaced and updated. A camper shell with slide out will be installed for approximately \$8,000, which Rael will cover.

Director Neal questions Rael if he is willing to stay on as Chief for the long term. Rael responds that he will stay on if the Directors are okay with him living in Quincy. One other firefighter is currently living in Quincy. There is sometimes no response to critical calls. Tyson is able to respond with the Plumas District Hospital ambulance fairly quickly. It will be beneficial having the light rescue truck for first responders. The Department may possibly be given an old pump from Plumas Eureka to install on the light rescue truck.

Battery operated jaws-of-life/extrication equipment is anticipated to cost \$30,000. Grants may be available.

Discussion of the need to install concrete aprons in front of the station doors and fix pavement. Estimates are \$14,000 for just removing old pavement, leveling and compacting. Paul Smith asks about volunteers doing labor and agrees to help.

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

There is no new action to report. Chief Rael will serve as Fire Chief for now.

9. Adjournment at 6:52 pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Rebecca Herrín, Chair