

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Station 61 – 6283 Main Street, Georgetown CA 95634

April 14, 2022
9:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roll Call:

Director Davis Present
Director Anderson Present
Director Williams Present
Director Brown Present

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Director Davis**.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Director Williams motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis Aye
Director Anderson Aye
Director Williams Aye
Director Brown Aye

The motion passes.

3. **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Presentation from the County of El Dorado Library**

Carolyn Brooks, Director of Library Services for El Dorado County, and **Angela Bernoudy, the Librarian for the Georgetown Library** were present to discuss the possibility of a joint venture with Georgetown Fire.

Ms. Brooks said libraries have been making a change. They have been moving from just a place to get a book, to a community hub, offering services to people directly where they live. The State library system is working state wide to have all libraries function as a hub. Georgetown Library is the State mentor for this program. The State and Legislature are behind this change, and have \$500 million dollars behind this

initiative via grant funding for infrastructure across the State for those communities that are at risk, or underserved.

The facility currently used by the Library is the only building in the system that is not owned, as it is leased. During the snowstorm in December, there were actions the library could not take because the building is leased versus owned. The library system found that to be unacceptable.

Looking at each of the libraries, finding out what each community needs is paramount. In Georgetown, access to services is imperative.

The Library would like to see multiple entities come together in a central location, offering something greater than the sum of its' purpose. Libraries across the nation typically work with other government entities for shared services.

The Library would like to discuss and explore the idea of collaborating with the District regarding the property on HWY 193 owned by the District. The Library is not interested in purchasing the land, but possibly leasing the property from the District with the hopes of creating a multi-use facility for the Fire District and the Library.

In nationwide studies, Fire Department's and Libraries are the most trusted entities of government. That said, the Library is hoping to start the conversation with the District.

Director Davis asked if the hope was to put a library and the Fire District in the same area?

Ms. Brooks said yes. The idea is to create a complex including multi-use space, like a community center, have a designated space for the Fire District, and possibly include the Sheriff's Office in the discussions. Health and Human Services has also been looking for office space. Having all of these resources in one place, provides a much needed service to our community.

Libraries as the heart of the community is our new goal. There is an unsurmountable amount of need for services in Georgetown and a plan like this makes sense for the community. The County buildings and services are too far for many to reach. Having access in this town would be a positive step in ensuring the care of the community.

Director Brown asked if the Library would be agreeable to building a facility with a second story, having handicap accessibility? **Ms. Brooks** said the Library would love the idea to accommodate that need.

Ms. Brooks said a community room would allow for proactive meetings for things like fire safety, winter preparedness, education and health.

Director Anderson asked what size of location the Library was looking for knowing the Georgetown Fire District Regular Meeting Agenda, April 14, 2022

ideas would change with the process. **Ms. Brooks** said they were hoping for 12-14K square feet.

Director Davis asked how the grant process would work? **Ms. Brooks** said the State library process has a process that is simple and has a match component. Every library has a capital match component and can we are allowed to ask for a waiver. Having a partner who is bringing something to the table, like a piece of land, would make the granting process much easier to be approved.

Director Williams stated the Library is a fantastic asset to the Community.

Director Brown asked if the land located at HWY 193 would need to be paid off?

Chief Brown stated the land is paid off.

Director Davis thanked **Ms. Brooks** and **Ms. Bernoudy** for their presentation.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the District. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person, or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President, to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period.

Public comment was not offered.

5. **DIRECTORS ITEMS**

Directors Items were not offered.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Davis asked about the capital expenditure for Station 62 paid to the Garden Valley Fire Department? **Chief Brown** said the expenditure was for the Georgetown Volunteers for capital improvements they paid for. The Fire District was reimbursing the volunteers. **Director Davis** confirmed this was for improvements to Station 62. **Chief Brown** said yes.

Ms. Michelle Sampson inquired about the voucher dated March 29. She stated on the third page there is a voucher request to US Bank for \$9600, with no coding or documentation for support. **Ms. Molloy** stated those expenditures have separate forms required by the County of El Dorado which are included in the Board packet.

Director Brown motioned to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis Aye
Director Anderson Aye
Director Williams Aye
Director Brown Aye

The motion passes.

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - i. **REGULAR MEETING MARCH 10, 2022**
- B. **APPROVE BILLS / DEPOSITS FOR DISTRICT FUND 855700**
 - i. **DEPOSITS**
 - ii. **VOUCHER REQUESTS**
- C. **BUDGET YEAR TO DATE REPORT**

7. CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Brown discussed the following subjects during his report:
Covid, Budget, District Land, Board Vacancy, Personnel, Volunteers, Apparatus Report, Facilities Report, Training, Community Activities and Grants.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Contract With US Forest Service – Cost Share Agreement**
Recommended Action: Approve Contract

After a brief discussion by the Board, **Director Brown** motioned to accept the Contract with the US Forest Service as presented. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis Aye
Director Anderson Aye
Director Williams Aye
Director Brown Aye

The motion passes.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956(d)(2), the Board will meet in Closed Session to consider potential litigation.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, the Board will meet in Closed Session to discuss the potential of conference with real property negotiators.
- C. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957, the Board will meet in Closed Session to discuss Public Employment.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION at 11:23AM

Director Davis said there was nothing to report out of closed session.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Future agenda items were not offered.

11. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- A. Firefighters Get a boost from Divide Healthcare Auxiliary

12. PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank you from Hartsong Ranch on behalf of Chris Pauley

13. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular Meeting Thursday, May 12, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

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/s/
Chief Glenn W. Brown

Date