

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District
A Firewise Community
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2022, 6 PM
Greenhorn Fire Station
2049 Red Bluff Circle
Greenhorn Ranch

1. Roll Call:

Elizabeth Zeiner present, Greg Neal present, Chair Rebecca Herrin present.
Vice-Chair Amanda Higgins absent.

2. Public Comment:

No Comments

3. Board Comments and Reports:

A. Garbage/Bear Issues- *Continued discussion.*

Chair Herrin reports that there is a County ordinance regarding responsibility of property owners or occupants to take precautions to prevent bears from scavenging garbage. Herrin reads sections of the ordinance. Chair Herrin will write an informative letter to post at the bulletin board and possibly mail with the water bill.

4. Approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting:

Motion is made by Neal, seconded by Zeiner to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 17, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Financial Reports:

A. Review Monthly Financial Report for April 2022.

The monthly financial report for Greenhorn Creek Fire Department and Greenhorn Creek Community Services District is reviewed and accepted.

6. Water Department:

Chief Rael is not able to attend the meeting, but has provided a staff report. Chief Rael reports that the swing-valve in the Red Bluff pump station on pump #1 cracked due to the effect of water hammer caused by the swing-valve. A new spring check-valve has been ordered and will replace the swing-valve. Pump #1 is offline until the valve can be replaced. Pump #2 is operational.

Electronic Annual Reporting (EAR) has been completed and submitted to the State. The reporting includes water produced, water sold, facilities, operating costs, income, inspections and conservation.

7. Fire Department:

A. Update on Fire Department Activity

Chief Rael has provided a staff report. Since the meeting of April 22, 2022 the Department has trained on forcible entry techniques and held a maintenance night. The planned training in Quincy was cancelled due to a COVID exposure in the Quincy Fire Department. Training has resumed this week.

There have been several critical medical calls this month including helicopter landings at the Lee Summit landing zone.

The Plumas County District Attorney's office has notified the Department that \$50,000 will be received from PG&E as a result of the wildfire settlement agreement. It is suggested that grant funding be applied for to cover the cost of replacement of the SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) which are expired. The cost of replacement will be approximately \$80,000. If the grant funding is obtained and used for the SCBAs, the \$50,000 settlement monies could be used for other projects/equipment such as rapid response vehicles (UTV or Type VI) and, in conjunction with the insurance money still available for the driveway, to have it replaced. More information will be provided at future meetings.

B. Replace Expired Structure Turnouts

NFPA standards require structure turnouts be replaced every ten years. The Department's turnouts expired in 2012. Grants are generally not available. Approximately \$68,000 was received as a result of the North Complex fire and it is proposed that some of that money be used towards purchasing new structure turnouts. Each set is approximately \$3,500 and there are ten firefighters (estimated total \$35,000).

Motion is made by Zeiner, seconded by Neal to approve the purchase of the ten (10) new structure turnouts as proposed. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Accept Donation and Purchase of New Radios

USFS and CalFire maintain a list of approved radios that may be used on large incidents. The radios currently in use by the Department are no longer on the list. They are models from the 1990s and are increasingly hard to repair. The new standard is the BKR5000 made by Bendix King. These radios are approximately \$3,200 each. The cost includes radio body, antenna, rechargeable battery, clam shell battery (which runs radio on AA) and speaker/microphone. Kits can be obtained from Vincent Communications at a reduced rate of approximately \$2,500 each.

Steve and Gina Harvey, of Greenhorn Ranch LLC, have offered to donate \$7,000 towards the purchase of three (3) new radios.

Motion is made by Zeiner, seconded by Neal to accept the donation and purchase the new radios. Neal amends motion to the purchase of four (4) radios if necessary. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Update on Status of Siren Installation

The permit has been submitted to Plumas County Planning and Building Services. Caley Electric will be scheduled to complete the installation. The Department will be putting out information on the siren testing date which will include a banner/lighted sign at the mailboxes, social media posting, email, mailing, and possibly door-to-door contact. Also included will be information on the automatic testing that will be at noon on the first Sunday of each

month. This siren testing will consist of a 12 second, single rise and fall of the siren tone.

8. Status of Burn Pile Improvements:

Once the existing hot spots have been extinguished, the burn pile will be graded to make access manageable. This will depend on ground saturation due to recent precipitation cycles.

There is discussion on the improvements and possible means of financing improvements.

There is also discussion regarding sale of the various lots owned by the Greenhorn Creek Community Services District. The item will be put on a future agenda.

9. The next Greenhorn CSD Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Greenhorn CSD will be held Thursday May 19, 2022, at 6 PM.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

[Rebecca Herrin](#)

Rebecca Herrin, Chair