

**NORTH GALIANO FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE
COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NGVFD Hall #1
Friday 21st June, 2024 10:00 am
Minutes**

In Attendance: *Idora Scott, Ken Kucille, Sarah Knoebber*

Guests: *Chief Harris*

Regrets: *Kieran Kelleher, Rob Snape, Paul Brent*

Zoom: *none*

Chair: *Ray Chouinard*

Call to order: 10:06

1. Approval of Agenda (*Knoebber, 2nd Scott*)
2. Approval of Minutes (*Scott, 2nd Kucille*)
3. Chair's Report:
 - a. extended health benefits; Chief Harris discussed with SGVFD Chief Sugden regarding adding active-duty volunteers to their package. Chief Sugden has submitted this information to the insurance agent for comment.
4. Financial Report & Chief's Report:
 - a. AC Clark report: Most improvements and sprinkler system work have been done at Hall #2 (Retreat).

Hall #2 is not an upgradable building, and there has been a 10-year lease renewal with Retreat Farms for the land it resides on. With the recent budget lift and consolidation ahead, starting a hall replacement discussion would be poor timing in this moment. Hall #2 does not meet some standards but its function fits its purpose, and should not require significant improvement if the building status remains as a "functional garage". If we were to build a new hall we would have to hold a referendum to provide the taxation to justify it. After consolidation, we might consider reevaluating the state of this particular Hall.

 - i. AC Clark can be tasked to evaluate the cost of fixing the apron at Hall #2 (Retreat) and pilon. The Commission has 450\$ left in building maintenance for this financial cycle.
 - i. **MOTION:** For the commission to request the society the necessary funds to replace the post and apron as mentioned in AC Clark's report. (*Chouinard, 2nd Knoebber*)
 - b. Financial and Chief's Report: Significant budget requests and changes must be sent to CRD by July 31st to be passed in the September meeting to take effect in January 2025. Chris Vrable has suggested we delay any significant changes until the following year. Items should still be discussed to be addressed before the end of July. Chief Harris would like assistance in reviewing the budget.
 - i. Budget Committee: **Ray Chouinard**, AC Clark.

- c. Chief Harris has contacted Chris Vrable regarding enclosing the training room at Hall #1, and what could be the first steps.
- d. Consolidation meetings between NGVFD and SGVFD, with Chris Vrable and the team, are scheduled every two weeks.

5. Business Arising out of the Minutes or Report

6. Other Business

a. New meeting time 3rd Sundays at 13:00

7. Next Meeting: Sunday, July 21st, 13:00 at Hall #1 (Cook rd)

8. Adjournment: 11:18