



# Golden Valley Fire District

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Golden Valley Fire District met in regular session on **February 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** The meeting was held at the Golden Valley Fire District Public Safety Training Center, located at 423 South Colorado Road, Golden Valley, AZ 86413. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER.

- Chairperson Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Director George Payntar; Director Gary Juneau; Clerk Tony DeMaio; Chair Sue Foster; Director Jack Hommel were all present.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Consent Agenda

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2022
- B. Special Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2022
  - Director Hommel motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Juneau 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motioned carried.

#### 5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

- A. January 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
  - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of January 2022 there were 49 fire responses and 165 EMS responses for a total of 214 calls.
- B. Fire Chief's Report. *The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on this matter unless the specific matter is described in detail. Therefore, action taken as a result of the Chief's report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. (A.R.S. 38-431.02. K)*
  - District properties – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
    - Plumbing issues at station 11, 13 and PSTC. Two toilets and one urinal.
    - Thank you, Jack Hommel for the vault installation, he did a great job. It will be a great use for the Tactical Rescue Team.
  - Equipment – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
    - Brush 126 needed rear caliber brakes
    - Water Tender 128 had some plumbing issues, it sprung a leak due to the hard water.
    - Attack 135, replaced the turbo
    - Brush 116 issues with engaging the main pump, has been resolved.
    - Staff vehicle 102 needed new front brakes.
    - Engine 111 was serviced and had a relief valve issue fixed.
    - Battalion 1 was serviced
    - Attack 125 had the glow plugs and the relay replaced.

- Engine 131 is currently out of service. It has a radiator leak, a substantial value cover leak, the dual stage pump transfer value has issues and minor electrical issues. Reserve Engine 112 is placed at Station 13.
- Training
  - Hazmat Training, last week of a 5-week training in Lake Havasu.
- Meetings Attended
  - Chief Martin attended a Mohave County Board of Supervisors meeting to try to get a waiver for our communications tower, they denied the request. We will have to pay the \$500 permit fee.
- Projects in the works
  - ISO Evaluation, they have all the information they need, and we should hear back from them in the next few weeks.
  - Applied for a Safer Grant to hire one person to bring us to full staffing.
  - Applied for another grant through Arizona Department of Homeland Security for a generator for the PSTC.
- Anniversaries
  - None

**6. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- A. The Board of Directors may vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S §38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S §38-431.03(A)(4) to direct legal counsel regarding personnel matters regarding retirement stipend for non-suppression personnel.
  - Clerk DeMaio motioned to go into executive session for legal advice pursuant to the ARS Statutes. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.
- Executive Session began at approximately 9:26 a.m.
- Public Session reconvened at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**7. BUSINESS.** *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Discussion and possible action regarding: Change or remove retirement stipend for non-suppression personnel. (DeMaio)
  - Clerk DeMaio stated that given the information from legal counsel, Clerk DeMaio would like to motion to take no action at this time. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of January 2022 Financial Reports. (Administration)
  - Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of January 2022, the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,265,897.74. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$89,074.03. Income \$178,819.05; Expenses \$230,609.38.
    - Director Payntar motioned to approve the January 2022 report. Director Juneau 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of January 2022. (Administration)
  - Comptroller Kindelberger stated we have a holdover from December 28<sup>th</sup> from Metropolitan Reporting Bureau for a fire report, ready on January 11, 9 pages, paid \$5.00. January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brandon Heffelfinger, Fire Report, 10 pages, collected \$5.00. January 24<sup>th</sup>, Heidrun Wesishaar, Fire Report, 10 pages, ready January 4<sup>th</sup>, paid \$5.00.
    - No Action
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Retain legal counsel for PSPRS Local Board and approval of Fee Agreement and Engagement Letter with Pierce Coleman, PLLC. (Chief Cunningham)
  - Chief Cunningham stated that a new law states that we cannot have them same attorney for both the Governing Board and the PSPRS Local Board, so he reached out to Pierce Coleman, and they accepted to be our legal counsel for the PSPRS Local Board. This attorney will not be utilized as much as our Governing Board it will only be for matters pertaining to PSPRS. Director Hommel asked if there was a valid reason not to engage this person. Chief Cunningham stated that we have to have an attorney, and there is no reason to not engage him. Chairperson Foster asked if he was

referred to us and did you look at others for prices. Chief replied, there are many that have come back to us. Our Governing Board Attorney said he would recommend Pierce Coleman, PLLC.

- Clerk DeMaio motioned that we retain legal counsel for the Public Safety Retirement System local board and approve the Fee Agreement and Engagement Letter with Pierce Coleman, PLLC. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** *Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Golden Valley Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion or legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the Agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.*

- None

**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

- Chairperson Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:07 a.m.

**MINUTES prepared by: Tina Cripe / Mindy Kindelberger**  
*(This is a working draft, until Board approval)*

**Date:** 02/23/2021

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved: