



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 **May 25, 2022 at 9:30 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.

- Clerk DeMaio called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Director Gary Juneau; Clerk Tony DeMaio; Director Jack Hommel were present. Director George Payntar and Chairperson Sue Foster were absent

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2022

- Director Hommel motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motioned carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. April 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of April 2022 there were 43 Fire calls, 181 EMS calls, 1 Hazmat call for a total of 225 calls. Clerk DeMaio asked if the fire incidents were up from last year, and Chief Cunningham stated we had 44 last year.

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
 - Station 11 – Inside bay lights have been replaced with LED lights.
 - Training Center – Perimeter lights have been replaced with LED lights.
- Equipment – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
 - Water Tender 138 – Went to velocity for recall work on the exhaust system, DEF System and the speedometer wheel sensor. It is now back in service.
 - Water Tender 118 – Has the same recall and will be going in this month
 - First Responder C103 – EGR issue that has been fixed
 - Attack 135 – Had nails removed out of the front tires and tires rotated
 - Battalion 1 – Four new tires.
 - Engine 121 – Had motor replaced, had the in frame rebuilt. It is completed but is not back in service. The mechanic is driving it right now as it needs a 100-mile break-in per the warranty. It should be back in service by this week.
- Training
 - Two firefighters attended a leadership training with the Arizona Fire Academy

- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Fire Officer's meeting tomorrow. The big topic is the sales tax increase for fire districts which is still in the State Legislative. Hopefully, we will get more information soon.
 - Assistant Chief Martin and another firefighter attended the WACEMS (Western Arizona Council Emergency Medical Services) meeting.
 - GEO Quarterly meeting at the prison, this is the first meeting since we got the contract back. Chief Martin represented us, and they had a lengthy list of thank you's.
- Projects in the works
 - Hose testing, this was one of the line items on the budget that has a significant increase due to needing new hoses.
- Thank-You
 - None
- Anniversaries
 - Engineer Scott Proudfoot – 13 years
 - Captain Robert Arnold – 12 years
 - Firefighter Joseph McKinney – 2 years
 - Firefighter Logan Sweet – 1 year

6. 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: Approval of April 2022 Financial Reports. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of April the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,131,961.79. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$33,405.49. Income \$243,969.74; Expenses \$302,399.80.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the April 2022 report as presented. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of April 2022. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Mindy stated there was one records request from Kenneth Krantz – April 11th, EMS Report, ready on April 18th, picked up on April 18th, cost \$7.00.
 - No Action
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Renewal Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Yucca Fire District for operations and administration services; approve resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated that this is the IGA with Yucca for management services. We have increased it by \$507.40 to \$38,365 per year. This increase is due to step increases for employees that are in the budget. Nothing has changed, the Yucca board approved this IGA at their last meeting.
 - Director Juneau motioned to approve the IGA with Yucca Fire and the resolution. Director Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise wage scale; remove fire investigator stipend effective May 25, 2022; grandfather payment of stipend for employees currently receiving. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated that this was brought up in a board meeting a couple of months ago that he was absent, and the board wanted to bring it back and discuss it further. This was a policy that was put in place many years ago when the fire district did not have a fire investigator. It was an incentive to the firefighters to obtain the certification. This gave give them a fifty-cent stipend. Right now, they are receiving the incentive every hour they are on shift, including vacation time, sick time and overtime. This costs the district \$1,400.00 a year per employee just for their regular hours. This was put in place because we did not have a fire marshal. We currently have two fire investigators, but now that we have a fire marshal that does 99.9% of the investigations. We want to grandfather the current employees in to keep their stipend, but for any future new employees, we need to end the stipend. Chief would like to propose that any new employees will receive the stipend when they are called in to help assist or do an investigation, they would in turn get the fifty cent an hour stipend.

- Director Hommel motioned to approve the fire investigator stipend as Chief Cunningham presented. Director Juneau 2nd. Discussion: Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the wage scale was not prepared with the stipend for new employees doing investigations. Chief stated that we would not have any fire investigators coming on anytime soon. The training takes about four years. We can address the pay scale and adjust it when that comes about. No one right now is seeking the fire investigator class. Clerk DeMaio wanted to clarify that the Chief wants to approve it as it is written now, and any changes will be addressed later. Call for the vote: All in favor, motion carried
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise policy article 50 Compensation Administration; 50.3 clarify when step raises are given, 50.5 remove fire investigator stipend, 50.10 correct acting assignments from five to four consecutive shifts. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger state that when the policy was pulled to make the fire investigator stipend change, there were a few housekeeping items that needed to be changed in the policy.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the revisions in the policy. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Call to Election per A.R.S. §16-225(C); approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger stated there are two vacancies available on the board for election on November 8th, 2022. Candidates can file their petitions starting on June 11th, 2022, and ending on July 11th, 2022, the last day to register to vote is October 10th, 2022. Candidates' packets can be picked up at the administration office as well as the elections department.
 - Director Juneau motioned to approve the call of election and the resolution regarding the same. Director Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried
- G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated the biggest part of the budget is getting the wage freeze released and getting the employees their back raises. With this 3.375% tax levy increase this will allow us to release two years of wage increases. The 3.25% tax levy would only allow for one year release of wages, and we would still be chasing the freeze. Another item on the budget is we need to purchase new hose. We also need to do some station improvements, and that money from the 3.25% tax levy would have been put into the wages. With the 3.375% tax levy this would allow us to be able to get these items completed.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the FY 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 budget at the 3.375% tax levy. Director Juneau 2nd. Discussion: Clerk DeMaio stated that there is a significant increase in the workers compensation which really threw our budget out the window, and with the inflation he does not see any other way that we can continue doing business and serving the public without doing the tentative budget at the 3.375% tax levy. Clerk DeMaio asked if this was something that needs to be voted on by the citizens. Comptroller Kindelberger stated no, the board approves it. Comptroller Kindelberger also stated for the public that this equates to twelve cents per hundred dollars of value. Chief Cunningham stated we have been at the 3.25% tax levy for seven years. This increase will help the district out. Call for the vote: All in favor, motion carried

7. 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

8. ADJOURNMENT.

- Clerk DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:54 a.m.

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

Date: 05/26/2022

By: _____
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved:

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