



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 **Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 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 public will have physical access to the meeting place at 8:45 a.m. 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

- Chairman DeMaio called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Director Jack Hommel, Clerk Sue Foster, Chairman Tony DeMaio, and Director George Payntar were present. Director Gary Juneau was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PRAYER

- Pastor Mike Willis from Abundant Grace of Laughlin led the board in prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024

B. Yucca final Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2024

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

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. June 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of June there were 287 total calls: 170 EMS and rescue calls and 26 fire-related 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)*

- Pinning Ceremony for FF Angel Martinez & FF Sarah Smith
 - Battalion Chief Chad Lewis informed the public that we have a new firefighter, Angel Martinez. Battalion Chief Chad Lewis administered the oath of office for Angel Martinez, and he was pinned by his wife, Magdalena Martinez.
 - Battalion Chief Robert Arnold administered the oath of office for Sarah Smith, and she was pinned by her father, Jeremy Wright.
- District properties – Chief Martin
 - Station 11 still having air conditioning issues, found the condensation lines needed to be flushed.
- Equipment – Chief Martin

- Engine 121 our mechanic is still working on the air conditioning issues. The inter lining on the hoses that run the Freon disintegrated and pushed debris into the evaporator and dryer housing. All lines needed to be replaced and the condenser and dryer housing needed to be cleaned.
- Command Unit 102 is out of service, the engine control module (ECM) went out.
- Training – Chief Cunningham
 - In-house training.
- Meetings Attended – Chief Cunningham
 - Mohave County Fire Officers Meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
 - AMR meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Projects in the works - Chief Dallman

Chief Dallman reported the follow:

 - He will be part of the committee for the Mohave County Flood Control to review the flood issues in the area.
 - The new Attack Units will be delivered soon and will be working to get them into service as soon as possible.
 - Still working on verifying all reports are marked complete after update of the system.
 - Reviewing the Flex Touch system with the crews. The system is mounted in the trucks, this is a convenient way to get call information and go in route and available strictly through data instead of the radio.

Chief Cunningham reported:

 - Staff continue to work on the budget.
 - We requested ARPA funding, that will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Thank you – Chief Cunningham
 - Thank you to Pastor Mike Willis for being here today.
 - Thank you to citizen Art Merrill for donating 8 cases of water and 2 cases of Gatorade.
 - Thank you to Walmart for donating 2 pallets of water, several cases of electrolytes drinks. Walmart donates water every year and it is greatly appreciated.
 - Congratulations to Bullhead Fire Chief Patrick Moore for receiving the Arizona Fire Chief of the Year.
- Anniversaries – Chief Cunningham
 - Firefighter Bryar Travis – 3 years.
 - Comptroller Mindy Kindelberger – 9 years.
 - Battalion Chief Chad Lewis – 17 years.

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: Public hearing to discuss tentative FY 24/25, 25/26, and 26/27 budgets as well as recommendations from the Board of Directors and public comments. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that there were a few changes made to the tentative budget. We reduced the funds from the election account as there will be no election due to three candidates applied and we have three openings. So, we moved that money to other needs. We adjusted our capital and contingency to the actual cash on hand at the start of this fiscal year. Chairman DeMaio stated that there is no public present.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the changes presented for the budget. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Adoption of fiscal years 24/25, 25/26, 26/27 final budget, budget certification and resolution. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that the budget is presented on the new state budget form. Chairman DeMaio asked if we are approving one year or three. Comptroller Kindelberger replied that the requirement changed from two years to three years a couple years back and a new budget form is required which includes the certification on the same form.

- Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the Budget for FY 25, 26, and 27 and the certification and resolution. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of June 2024 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of June 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,117,779.88. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$143,775.79. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$109,653.25. Revenue \$179,562.91; Expenses \$260,300.02. Our ending cash position for FY 24 was negative \$11,336, but we had 85k in outstanding receivables of which 84k was collected in July. That puts our ending cash position at a positive \$72,900. Admin staff will have those funds transferred to our capital reserve account. Our collection rate on property taxes was 96.96%, and our overall collection on all revenue budgeted was 94.01%.
 - Clerk Foster motioned to approve the June 2024 financial reports as presented. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of June. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 06/10/24 Strategic Litigation Partners, All personnel records for John Molitor, 258 pages totaling \$258. Sent request for approval, no reply.
 - 06/17/24 DES Adult Protective Services, Incident report and EMS report, sent 06/24/24, no charge.
 - No Action
- E. Discussion only: Review of attorney invoices. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that we have two invoices, one from our attorney Nicolas Cornelius for \$3,447.00 and one from Yucca's attorney Bill Whittington for \$3,060.75. Most of the expenses are related to the consolidation.
 - No Action
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approve funding agreement with Mohave County for funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) for the purchase of a SCBA fill station for the Yucca station. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that ARPA funds were requested by Yucca Fire and the process started back in March. The funding agreement was reviewed and signed by attorney Bill Whittington and taken to the Yucca board in June. Due to the consolidation the County has requested the document be changed to Golden Valley Fire District. This equipment is for the Yucca fire station and will remain there for the life of this equipment. The value of this equipment is \$72,507.66, the quote was done in March and the cost could increase. Any increase the district will have to pay. This will have to be paid in advance and then receive reimbursement through the ARPA funds.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the funding agreement with Mohave County for APRA funds for the purchase of a SCBA fill station for the Yucca station. And approve the purchase of the equipment out of capital funds to be reimbursed by the ARPA funds. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

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

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:33 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by: Mindy Kindelberger
(This is a working draft until board approval)

Date: 07/24/2024

By: _____ Approved:
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

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