



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, September 25, 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 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2024
 - Director Hommel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. August 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of August there were 313 total calls: 171 EMS and rescue calls and 18 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)*
 - District properties
 - Station 11 had some air conditioning and plumbing issues. All resolved.
 - Equipment
 - Water Tender 138 just returned from a 14-day deployment to California. Upon return there were some oil leaks. Also, we replaced the four rear tires as they were the original tires and were 14 years old. Truck is back in service.
 - Engine 112 Oil leak replaced the oil pan seal. Transmission leak at one of the lines. Foam pump motor issues.
 - Engine 111 Foam pump motor issues.
 - Engine 121 Still having air conditioning issues, line blew out, the lines are deteriorated and needs replacing. Mechanic is working on it.
 - Training
 - Nothing to report

- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Fire Officers Meeting.
 - AMR meeting.
- Projects in the works
 - Still working on the Adashi command software, we have a meeting with them tomorrow. Equipment should be here at the end of this month.
- Thank you
 - None
- Anniversaries
 - Engineer James Childers – 16 years.

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 for acceptance letter for reduced taxes for a foreign trade zone. Tami Ursenbach from Mohave County Economic Development will be present to discuss. (Cunningham)

- Chairman DeMaio stated that in addition to Tami Ursenbach, Jeanne Kentch the County Assessor and SueAnn Mello the County Treasurer are present. Tami Ursenbach spoke to the board, she stated that the Board of Supervisors has approved to submit an application for a foreign trade zone. We can not move forward at this point with out an approval letter from all the districts. If you do not approve today this application will be dead. It will not move forward. The other taxing districts have already accepted this, you're the last one to approve. The foreign trade zone is for companies that purchases parts internationally and then manufactures it in the United States into another product. These companies have to apply and pay fees to be in the foreign trade zone. These parcels would receive reduced property taxes from 16% to 5%. There is already one business in your Fire District that qualifies as foreign trade, that is NexGen Cryogenic. These foreign trade zones are on the I-40 corridor and encompasses 10 parcels. Some of these parcels are already sold and the business that have purchased do not do foreign trade. These foreign trade zones bring in other businesses. Once these parcels are sold and built on, any future businesses that do foreign trade would have to apply for their own application to expand onto a parcel not included in these ten. That process takes over a year and this board would have to approve that separately when or if it happens. In Houston there is a foreign trade zone and in a ten year span it brought in over 2,000 businesses. Director Hommel voiced his concern regarding the reduced taxes. Tami stated that not all the parcels will be reduced only the parcels that have companies that do foreign trade. Clerk Foster asked about the 5% tax, will that ever go up. Assessor Kentch explained that the limited assessed value will increase yearly, but the tax rate will stay at 5% just taxed on a higher assessed value each year. Tami stated that foreign trade zones were started to make local businesses compatible with foreign made products. Director Hommel asked why here, why not in Kingman out by the airport. Tami stated that she did talk with City of Kingman, and they would give 40,000 acres, and the federal government turned that down. We are also working on finding a small flat parcel to donate to the fire district for a future fire station. Chief Cunningham added that since this area was designed as an industrial corridor, we have seen nothing happen out there. Only in the past few years have we gotten a few businesses. If this helps attract business to our area, then I think we need to do it. Five percent of 1 million dollars assessed value is better than 16% of assessed value of \$5,000 bare land. We won't know if this is going to work unless we try it.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve this action. Director Payntar 2nd the motion.
Discussion: Chairman DeMaio thanked Tami, Jeanne and SueAnn for coming today to explain

this. I personally am not 100% with this but I understand it better. Call for the vote: Three in favor, Chairman DeMaio, Director Hommel and Director Payntar. Two opposed, Clerk Foster and Director Juneau. Motion carries.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of August 2024 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of August 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$995,311.25. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$217,862.83. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$65,943.93. Revenue \$249,440.42; Expenses \$527,494.10.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the August 2024 financial reports as presented. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of August. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 08/01/24 Flagler County, FL HR Department, personnel records, paid \$4, emailed 08/01/24.
 - 08/12/24 Frontier Adjusters, Fire Report, paid \$15, emailed 8/20/24
 - 08/22/24 LexisNexis, Fire Report, paid \$15, emailed 08/28/24
 - 08/26/24 Maxine McGinnis, Fire Report, no charge, picked up 08/27/27
 - No Action
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise pay scale to add stipends for wildland deployments. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that currently on a deployment the engine bosses would step up Captain pay as an incentive. But the other crew was not getting any incentive. The stipends would give additional pay to the whole crew. This stipend would be \$3.00 per hour for the engine boss, \$2.00 per hour for FF Type 1, \$1.00 per hour for FF Type 2. This would not be billable to the state. We are still making money; we are just taking some of our profits and sharing with the employees. These employees leave their families for two to three weeks at a time. Board asked questions regarding travel, overtime, hours paid per day. Staff answered all the board questions. Comptroller Kindelberger broke down the daily cost for each stipend per day, Engine boss would be an additional \$72 per day, FF Type 1 would be additional \$48 per day, FF Type 2 would be an additional \$24 per day.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to revise the pay scale to add the stipends for wildland deployment effective September 26, 2024. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Request line of credit increase on credit cards ending #1620 and #7546 issued by National Bank of Arizona. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that the engine bosses have credit cards with a \$10,000 limit. On this last deployment in a water tender that did not require an engine boss, the crew took the deployment card which has a \$5,000 limit. Within the first few days they had exceeded the limit due to hotels. They had to call Mindy on the weekend to get a payment made to the card to reactivate the card. Staff is asking to increase the deployment card to \$10k. The other card used for travel and training has a \$2,500 limit. We just send three firefighters to State Fire School, and they came very close to exceeding the limit. Staff is asking to increase the travel and training card to \$5,000 limit.
 - Director Juneau motioned to request a limit of credit increase with National Bank of Arizona for credit card ending in #1620 to \$5,000 and credit card ending in # 7546 to \$10,000. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

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

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:03 a.m.

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

Date: 09/25/2024

By: _____ Approved:
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

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