



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, October 23, 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 September 25, 2024
 - Clerk Foster moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motioned carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. September 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of September there were 253 total calls: 156 EMS and rescue calls and 12 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 - Chief Dallman
 - Training Center had a plugged main line during the Community Risk Reduction Event. Roto-Rooter was able to clear the line.
 - Equipment - Chief Dallman
 - Engine 112 - Fuel system, injector will need to be rebuilt.
 - Engine 121 - Pump input shaft is on order. Our mechanic was able to find a used one in our Apparatus Repair Facility, unit is back in service awaiting new part.
 - Engine 131 - Drive shaft broke enroute to a call. Mechanic is working on it. An insurance claim was filed for this repair.
 - Attack 125 - In Las Vegas at Fire Trucks Unlimited getting some warranty work done.
 - Command 102 - Thermostat was repaired.
 - Water Tender 128 - Air compressor on order.
 - Engine 111 - Foam controller not working, foam control head needs replacing.

- Water Tender 168 – Replaced the batteries
- Battalion 1 – EGR replaced.
- Attack 135 – Headlight plug replaced.
- Training
 - Mass Casualty Incident training out at the prison.
- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Fire Officers Meeting.
- Projects in the works
 - Lockboxes were installed on first out vehicles to better secure the Knox box keys.
 - Adashi command software, equipment will start arriving in the next few weeks.
 - Battalion Chiefs have been visiting the Yucca station to familiar themselves with the area and the stations and equipment.
- Thank you
 - Donation from Mike Thornton of Kingman Craft House for two \$25 gift cards.
 - Donation from Robert Spencer of Embark Truck Driving School for \$125.00.
- Anniversaries
 - Fire Chief Dave Cunningham – 29 years.
 - Asst. Fire Chief Dave Martin – 29 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: Request by Golden Valley Events for a reduction or waiver of fees for their annual Community Christmas Party at the Public Safety Training Center on December 21st. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that Elena Malero from Golden Valley Events was present to speak to the board. Elena stated that they would greatly appreciate a discount on the rental fees but if not, we do appreciate the use of the facility. This will be our 10th year; we rely on donations for this event. Comptroller Kindelberger informed the board that last year the board voted to give a 50% discount. The non-profit rate for the gym and kitchen is \$33.00 per hour. Clerk Foster asked Elena how many hours they will be renting it. Elena answered, in total about 10 hours.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to give them the same reduction as last year. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of September 2024 financial reports. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of September 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$823,071.82. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$218,449.44. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$34,025.57. Revenue \$121,925.00; Expenses \$339,058.69.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the September 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 September. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 09/04/24 Mohave County Sheriff, all reports from 9/1/24 call at Haute & Wingate, no charge, emailed 09/23/24.
 - 09/09/24 Nationwide Legal, all reports regarding Katharine Williams, paid \$60, emailed 10/15/24.
 - 09/16/24 LexisNexis, Fire Report, paid \$15, emailed 09/23/24.
 - 09/18/24 Breyer Law Offices, MVA Report, no records found. Referred to Green Valley Fire District.

- No Action
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval for purchase of radio equipment exceeds Chief's spending limit; move budget funds from 932.00 Equipment Fire to 931.00 Communications to cover overage. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that our radios are so old that we can no longer get parts for them. The quotes are for 19 handheld radios and 2 dash mount radios. We partnered with Northern Arizona to get better pricing, five of the handheld radios are for NAFD. The total amount is \$70,851.20 but \$17,040.05 will be billed to NAFD. We budgeted \$38k for communications and will need to move funds from Fire Equipment to cover the expenses. Clerk Foster asked how old our radios are. Cunningham stated that they are at least 12-15 years old.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the purchase the radios from BK Technologies in the total amount of \$70,851.20 and bill NAFD for \$17,040.05. Move budget funds from 932.00 Equipment Fire to 931.00 Communications to cover the cost. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of Quote from Emergency Vehicle Repair for repair to 2011 Dodge 5500 Attack Unit; cost exceeds Chief's spending limit. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated this is the old Attack 135 before we purchased the new attacks. We plan to take it to station 16 in Yucca to replace the single cab truck. The single cab truck will go to station 17. The truck at 17 will be sold as surplus as it is 22 years old. Before we can put this into service we need to fix the old leaks. Mechanic Chris Farrand stated that the oil pan, front seal, rear seal and the main structure where it is bolted together is leaking. To repair it you must remove the cab of the truck and disassemble the engine, it is labor intensive. The board asked about the estimate if there was a possibility of the cost going over this estimate. Chris stated that he allowed extra hours in case they ran into issues. So, he thinks the actual cost will be under the estimate of \$6,466.20.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the estimate of \$6,466.20 from Emergency Vehicle Repair to repair the 2011 Dodge 5500 attack unit. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of quote from United Fire for an SCBA compressor; cost exceeds Chief's spending limit. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that he is bringing this to the board to be transparent. Prior, the board approved the funding agreement with Mohave County for the SCBA compressor and fill station, but I didn't know that the district would have to pay the funds out in advance and then get reimbursed.
 - Director Juneau motioned the governing board to approve the quote from United Fire for \$68,410.77 for the SCBA compressor. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Move November and December meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month due to conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. (Administration)
- Director Juneau motioned the governing board to move the November and December Meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month. Chairman DeMaio 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

7. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board of Directors may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for personnel matters, Chief's performance evaluation. (DeMaio)
- Chairman DeMaio motioned to enter executive session for the Chief's performance evaluation. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

The executive session began at approximately 9:34 a.m.
The public session reconvened at approximately 10:09 a.m.

8. BUSINESS.

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Fire Chief's performance evaluation. (DeMaio)
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to table this item to next months meeting. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

9. 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

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:11 a.m.

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

Date: 10/23/2024

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved: