



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, November 20, 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 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSTANT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2024
- B. Executive Session Minutes for October 23, 2024
 - Director Juneau moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motioned carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. October 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of October there were 294 total calls: 190 EMS and rescue calls and 13 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 – Firefighter Leon Montgomery
 - Fire Chief Dave Cunningham informed the public that we have a new firefighter, Leon Montgomery. Fire Chief Dave Cunningham administered the oath of office for Leon Montgomery, and he was pinned by Ms. Kim Stewart.
 - District properties – Chief Martin
 - Training Center – Contractor that was to erect the tower did not show up, a new contractor is coming today to give a quote.
 - Equipment – Chief Martin and Chief Dallman
 - Ladder Truck 134 – Out of service; had to replace batteries on it, during the hose testing a gyro that sits on the back that does the leveling fell out and broke the wires, which broke the module and it shorted out, should have it back in service this week.
 - Water Tender 138 – Replaced batteries.

- Engine 131 – Drive line has been fixed; the leaking tank will be repaired under warranty in January.
- Attack 115 and 125 – Went back to the manufacturer to get some warranty work completed. There will be emergency rear lights installed.
- Hose testing was done, only three lengths of hose failed, will need to replace.
- Training – Chief Martin and Chief Dallman
 - Fire Marshal Martin attended a quarterly meeting and plans review class in Bullhead City.
 - Training hours logged for the month of October is 142.
- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Officers Meeting is tomorrow.
- Projects in the works
 - None
- Thank you
 - Fire Chief Dave Cunningham wanted to honor and thank board members that are finishing up their terms from Yucca and GVFD boards. Fire Chief Cunningham presented a recognition plaque to each of the following for their years of service and dedication; Richard Knowles (Chairman-Yucca Fire), Jim Fox (Director-Yucca Fire), Kayla Carr (Clerk-Yucca Fire), and Jack Hommel (Director-GVFD).
 - Chairman DeMaio again thanked every board member from Yucca Fire GVFD for their service.
- Anniversaries
 - Firefighter Trey Fitzsimmons – 1 year anniversary
 - Engineer Sean Arnold – 9 years anniversary

Chairman announced that items would be taken out of order.

- 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.*
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of October 2024 financial reports. [Administration]
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of October 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,570,788.24. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$219,557.50. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$129,957.15. Revenue \$1,188,891.82; Expenses \$339,611.49.
 - Clerk Foster motioned to approve the October 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 October. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 10/04/24 Terracon, Environmental Incidents – 3 parcels, no records found
 - 10/09/24 Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, Fire Report, paid \$15, emailed 10/15/24
 - 10/15/24 GFI Global, Fire Report, paid \$15, emailed 10/16/24
 - 10/17/24 Ashley Snodgrass, Incident Report, no charge, emailed 11/05/24
 - 10/19/24 Breyer Law Offices, EMS Reports, nothing found
 - 10/21/24 LexisNexis, Fire Report, paid \$15, emailed 11/05/24
 - No action
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Renewal of line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, administered through Mohave County Treasurers office; approve resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)
- Fire Chief Cunningham turned the discussion over to Comptroller Kindelberger. Comptroller Kindelberger reported that the district has a line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank which is renewed annually on January 1st. Our limit is \$250,000 and the interest rate has gone from 8.0% last year to

7.75% this year. There is a resolution that needs to be approved. This line of credit has never been used.

- Director Juneau motioned to approve the line of credit and adopt the resolution. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Set a special meeting date in December 2024 for Election of Officers. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that per the bylaws there is to be a special meeting the first week of December for the Election of Officers and there will be board members that need to take the Oath of Office. Chairman DeMaio asked if there are any dates administration has in mind; Comptroller stated that it is hard with the holiday and the staff will not be available due to office being closed on November 28 and 29 so the first week of December would be difficult, we could do the second week or at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Chairman DeMaio motioned to set the Election of Officers to concur with the regularly scheduled board meeting on December 18th. Clerk Foster 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.*

- Citizen Cheri Hommel wanted to take a moment to thank everyone
- Chief Cunningham introduce and welcome Tonia Sakusky, our new Administrative Assistant.

(Taken out of order)

6. 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. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

The executive session began at approximately 9:24 a.m.

The public session reconvened at approximately 9:50 a.m.

7. BUSINESS.

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Fire Chief's performance evaluation. (DeMaio)
- Chairman DeMaio accept the Fire Chief's performance evaluation as presented and written by the board members and placed in his file. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Chairman DeMaio stated that everything came back good.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:51 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by: Tonia Sakusky
(This is a working draft until board approval)

Date: 11/21/2024

By: _____ Approved:
Sue Foster, Board Clerk