



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, December 18, 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 Butch Meriwether, Clerk Sue Foster, Chairman Tony DeMaio, Director George Payntar were present. Director Gary Juneau was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Tony DeMaio, George Payntar Juneau, Greag Meriwether *Chairman DeMaio mentioned he wanted to note that there was a typo on the agenda, George Payntar should be replaced with Gary Juneau.*

- Chief Martin administered the oath of office for Tony DeMaio and Greag (Butch) Meriwether.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSTENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2024
- B. Executive Session Minutes for November 20, 2024

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

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. November 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Martin)

- Chief Martin stated for the month of November there were 293 total calls: 205 EMS and rescue calls and 5 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 Matthew Kleiner, Engineer Sean Arnold, Engineer Bryar Travis
 - Chief Dave Martin informed the public that we have a new firefighter, Matthew Kleiner. Chief Dave Martin administered the oath of office for Matthew Kleiner, and he was pinned by his wife Britney Kleiner.
 - Chief Dave Martin informed the public that Firefighter Sean Arnold was promoted to Engineer and administered the oath of office. Engineer Sean Arnold was pinned by his brother Battalion Chief Robert Arnold.

- Chief Dave Martin informed the public that Firefighter Bryar Travis was promoted to Engineer and administered the oath of office. Engineer Bryar Travis was pinned by Engineer Kenyon Martin.
- District properties – Chief Martin
 - Station 11 & 12: outside lights were replaced
 - Stations 11, 12 & 13: several smoke detectors were replaced
 - Station 12: Dishwasher was replaced
 - Training Center: Gate was repaired
 - Station 16: Generator is out of service and currently being worked on by our mechanic
- Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Attack 115 and 125 had some warranty work done, they are back in service
 - Engine 112 fuel injector pump was replaced and back in service
 - Ladder Truck 134 is currently out of service for a air leak, our mechanic is working on it
 - Engine 131 water tank was pulled the tank company will be out on January 6th to repair it under warranty
 - Water Tender 168 has some electrical issues that had to be fixed
 - Water Tender 128 had some transmission issues that were fixed
- Training – Chief Martin
 - Training for the month has all been in house
- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Officers no meeting in December
 - Quarterly dispatch meeting
- Projects in the works
 - Working on a AFG grant
 - Working on a State grant
- Thank you
 - Received a thank you from the American Legion Post 136 and Auxiliary Unit 136 in Yucca thanking Yucca and Golden Valley Fire department for being a part in this year's Veteran's Day Parade and party and appreciate all you do and go out of your schedule to help celebrate our Nation's Heros. Chief Martin stated that Volunteer Bruce Tennant took the truck out in the parade for us and thanked him for doing so.
 - Anniversaries – Engineer Brian Abraham 7 years, Engineer Tony DeAngelo 9 years, and Engineer Chris Beckes 14 years
 - Chief Martin wanted to let the board know that at our recent Christmas party awards were handed out; Tony DeAngelo was awarded firefighter of the year, Steve Kitter was awarded volunteer of the year, POC of the year was awarded to Dusty Osborn, and Mindy Kindelberger was awarded the Fire Chief's of the year award.

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: Election of Board Chairman and Board Clerk (Administration)

- Chairman DeMaio opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Clerk Foster nominated Tony DeMaio; DeMaio accepted.
 - Clerk Foster motioned to elect Tony DeMaio as Chairman. Director Meriwether 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- Chairman DeMaio opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Chairman DeMaio nominated to elect Sue Foster; Foster accepted.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to elect Sue Foster as Clerk. Director Meriwether 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Embark Truck Driving School to request rental agreement for back lot at Station 12 and office space in the single wide mobile currently used for storage. (Cunningham)
- A representative of Embark addressed the board. Jon Bullock stated that they would like to use the back lot at station 12 for our training facility and keep the front lot at the training center for PSTC for testing. Also, we would like to set up an office at station 12 in the single wide trailer. Eventually our goal is to move everything to station 12 once approved by the State. Director Payntar questioned if GVFD has items in the single wide trailer; Chief Martin stated yes however it all is locked in two rooms and Embark would not have access. Embark would use the two front rooms of the trailer. Chairman DeMaio asked if there are any issues with Embark using the back lot and trailer at this time; Chief Martin stated no. Chief Martin stated that the owner of Embark, Manjodh Singh, has agreed to pay for a electric meter to be installed on the trailer that can be read once a month. Embark is also going to install a mini split on the trailer for cooling and heating at their expense. Chief Cunningham's suggestion is \$2,500.00 per month for both locations plus monthly electric. Chairman DeMaio asked if a rental new contract would be drafted and to think of any contingencies like dust, gravel, mini-split and maintenance/upgrades to that building be put in the rental contract to be taking care of by Embark.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned that the governing board add the back lot of Station 12 and the office space in the single wide mobile to the existing rental agreement at a total cost of \$2,500.00 monthly and add the monthly actual utility cost be added to the monthly agreement as needed. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. Discussion: Comptroller Kindelberger noted that there is some clean up that needs to be done in the trailer and may not be ready by January 1st. Jon Bullock stated that they don't need the office right away just the back lot. Embark representative asked if they can use the back lot. Call for the vote: All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of November 2024 Financials. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of November 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,903,060.62. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$220,072.94. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$130,000.54. Revenue \$662,511.76; Expenses \$330,809.07.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the November 2024 financial reports as presented. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of November. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 11/08/24 Donor Network of AZ, EMS ready 11/10/24, no charge
 - 11/26/24 John Canon, Jr, fire report, ready 12/12/24, waiting for payment
 - No action
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Removal of records request from agenda. (Clerk Foster)
- Clerk Foster thinks the board can omit this agenda item to save staff time.
 - Director Payntar motion to accept the removal of the request reviews from the agenda. Director Meriwether 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Appointment of Board Member to the PSPRS Local Board (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated when Tony DeMaio's term ended on November 30th that ended his appointment to the PSPRS Local Board, a new board member needs to be appointed.
 - Director Payntar motioned to appoint Tony DeMaio to the PSPRS Local Board; Tony DeMaio accepted. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- G. Discussion and action regarding: Remove check signer Jack Hommel from National Bank of Arizona account ending #1439 and Wells Fargo Bank Warrant account #6156590. (Administration)
 - o Chairman DeMaio motion to remove Jack Hommel from National Bank of Arizona account ending #1439 and Wells Fargo Bank Warrant account #6156590. Director Paytnar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discussion and action regarding: Adding check signer Greag Meriwether to National Bank of Arizona account ending #1439 and Wells Fargo Bank Warrant account #6156590. (Administration)
 - o Chairman DeMaio motion to add Greag Meriwether to National Bank of Arizona account ending #1439 and Wells Fargo Bank Warrant account #6156590. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discussion and possible action regarding: Acceptance of insurance renewal offer for Golden Valley Fire District properties from VFIS of Arizona. (Administrative)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the insurance renews January 1st and the quote is much higher than we anticipated, we usually add a 10% increase for budget purposes, the 23% increase includes the two new attack units and adding Yucca locations and equipment.
 - o Chairman DeMaio motioned to accept the insurance renewal offer for the Golden Valley Fire District from VFIS of Arizona and authorize Assistant Chief to sign. Director Meriwether 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. 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 9:37 a.m.

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

Date: 12/19/2024

By: _____ Approved:
 Sue Foster, Board Clerk