

Golden Valley Fire District

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The Golden Valley Volunteer Firefighters Pension and Retirement Board of Trustees held a meeting open to the public on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 13, 2025</u> at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Valley Fire District Public Safety Training Center located at 423 S. Colorado Road, Golden Valley, Arizona 86413. 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 Kitter called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.
- Roll call of Board Members.
 Members present were Sue Foster, Steve Kitter, Dave Cunningham, Alyssa Dodge, Dave Martin, and Matt Gore. One vacancy on board.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 4. Administering Oath of Office to new members: Alyssa Dodge and Steve Kitter Comptroller Kindelberger administered the oath of office to new members.
- 5. Election of Board Chairman Steve Kitter nominated Matt Gore to be chairman. Dave Cunningham 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. Matt Gore took over the meeting as Chairman.
- Approval of meeting minutes of December 14, 2023.
 Sue Foster motioned to approve the minutes. Dave Martin 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- 7. Review and acceptance of annual report provided by Innes Associates, Ltd., administered by American Funds.
 - Comptroller Kindelberger informed the Board that the ending balance as of June 30, 2023, is \$84,451.00. The fund increased by \$7,662.00. We have five active accounts, and the suspense account balance is \$66,228.00. There was a brief discussion regarding allocations on how the funds are split up.
 - Matt Gore motioned to accept the annual report as presented. Sue Foster 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- 8. Funding the volunteer pension plan for FY 2024/2025 from the reserves. Mindy Kindelberger informed the Board that for the last five years the board voted to fund \$4,000 from the suspense account to go toward volunteers for that fiscal year; this is what staff recommends. Currently we have 3 volunteers eligible for the funds: Kitter, Lovelace, Gore. Two in the waiting period, Dodge & Largent. Matt Gore motioned to fund \$4,000 from the suspense account for FY 24-25. Steve Kitter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion to add a volunteer stipend plan in addition or replacement of the volunteer pension plan. Assign no more than two board members to work with admin staff on a program to bring back to the board for review.

Mindy Kindelberger explained the volunteer plan and how it's been funded; a stipend plan would need to be funded by the governing board through the budget process. There was a brief discussion on the options.

Matt Gore directed staff to work with board members Matt Gore and Alyssa Dodge on a proposal for the board, preferably before budget year.

10. Call to the public.

None

11. Adjournment

Steve Kitter motioned to adjourn. Dave Cunningham 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:37 am.

Minutes prepared by Tonia Sakusky (This is a working draft until board approval.)

Date: 2/18/2025 Approved:

