



# 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, March 26, 2025, 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

- Chairperson Pro Tem Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Director Butch Meriwether, Clerk Sue Foster, Director George Payntar, and Director Gary Juneau were present. Chairman Tony DeMaio joined the meeting at which time meeting was turned over to Chairman at 9:14am.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2025
  - Director Juneau moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. February 2025 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
  - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of February there were 261 total calls: 159 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 Milo Tieman and Firefighter Chandler Duncan
    - Fire Chief Cunningham informed the public that we have two new firefighters, Milo Tieman and Chandler Duncan. Battalion Chief Chad Lewis administered the oath of office

for both firefighters; Milo Tieman was pinned by Engineer James Childers and Chander Duncan was pinned by Battalion Chief Chad Lewis.

- District properties – Chief Martin
  - PSTC had faucet replaced and the tower has been installed after 2 ½ years; the county has inspected it and it's been cleared; a trench will now be dug across the driveway to lay pipe to bring lines to the server room.
  - Station 16 has a new SCBA compressor, company came out and put it in service, the crews have been trained on it.
- Equipment – Chief Martin
  - Engine 131 is out of service, leaks are being addressed
  - Utility 119 is out of service due to one of the new bearings started leaking again, covered under warranty to be fixed
  - Command 102 needed to have crank position sensor replaced
  - Attack 115 had door struts replaced
  - Attack 135 had hood struts replaced
  - Engine 121 has a high temp light; mechanics are looking at it
  - Attack 135 will need front tires and an alignment
  - Engine 118 needed a pump packing adjustment
- Training – Chief Dallman
  - 104 hours of training for the month
  - Northern Arizona and Golden Valley Fire District attended the Chloride St. Patrick's Day parade
- Projects in the works
  - We are in the middle of the budget process
- Thank you
  - Chief Cunningham would like to thank the Golden Valley Christian Academy for donating \$200 to the fire district.

**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 of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 audit by Saunders Company, LTD. (Administration)

- James Saunders attended the meeting via telephone. Mr. Saunders introduced himself and thanked the board for having their firm back again to do the audit. He stated they reviewed the financial records, financial statements and looked to make sure the annual statements are presenting in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the Rules Governing Statements in the United States. Arizona requires three reports, the first report is the Independent Auditors Report in which their firm looks to find everything correct and in good order. The second report is the Government Auditing Standards which consists of internal controls and compliance, to which our firm found no deficiencies with internal controls and no violations of rules, laws, and regulations for this report. The third and last part compliance to report to the county that you will not spend more money than you have available in the year. In the Saunders Group opinion, the district complied with the requirement for the year and did not overspend what was available. Those reports are the required elements that we are required to report on for the audit and financial

statements in the State of Arizona. James asked if the board had any questions, the board responded with no they didn't have any questions.

- Director Juneau motioned that the Governing Board approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 audit as presented. Clerk Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of February 2025 Financial reports. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of February the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$2,110,830.48; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$46,403.88; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$222,511.41. Revenue \$328,246.53 and Expenses \$335,481.30.

- Director Juneau motioned to approve the February 2025 financial records as presented.

Director Payntar 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Accept donation of parcel of land within the Golden Valley Fire District. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham updated the board that he met with a developer, and the developer wanted to donate land and provided choices to which we selected site "C"; the developer wanted to be provided an idea on when there will be a station put out there on the land, thought it would be within 3-5 years which can't be promised by a certain date. The developer took that information back to his higher ups and once Chief hears back from the developer he will update the board.

- No action taken

**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 9:29 a.m.

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

**Date:** 03/26/2025

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved: