



# 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 **April 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Golden Valley Fire District Public Safety Training Center, located at 423 South Colorado Road, Golden Valley, AZ 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 Gorham called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Director Bill McCarter; Director Gary Juneau; Chairman Paul Gorham; Clerk Jack Hommel; Director Randy Osborn were present.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

##### A. Regular Meeting of March 23, 2017

- Chairman Gorham stated that there was an error in the regular meeting minutes under Approval of minutes the date should be February 23, 2017 instead it's 2016.
  - Director McCarter motioned to accept approval of minutes with the revision. Clerk Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

#### 5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

##### A. March 2017 Operational Report. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager reported that for the month of March there were 149 calls. 5 reports not completed, 4 Fire calls, 94 EMS, 3 Hazardous Condition (no fire), 21 Service Calls, 17 Good Intent and 5 False Alarms. Station 11 ran 63, Station 12 had 50 and Station 13 with 20. We had 3 out of district and 13 calls were not reported.

##### 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.)*

- **Fire District properties**
  - Nothing going on right now
- **Equipment**
  - Attack 125, Type 6 is out of service due to transmission being worked on
  - Water Tender 118 is out of service for maintenance, front hubs and brakes. It should be back in service any day
- **Training**
  - Annual Wildland Refresher
  - Completed I-200 Basic ICS Class at Praxair
- **Meetings attended**
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee
  - Mohave County Fire Officer Association

- Regional Dispatch
- Nucor performance evaluation
- Mohave County Board of Supervisors- as a note on their next agenda there will be an audit to all Fire Districts in Mohave County in reference to all Chief and Board Member certification training for compliance. The Mohave County Attorney will be enforcing. All GVFD Board Members, Fire Chief and Mindy have completed the training, we are current.
- River Run Public Safety Meeting
- Hualapai Mountain Fire Plan Tabletop exercise and plan review
- Meeting with Supervisor Bishop with Chairman Gorham and myself, we revisited Boundary Resolution. There will be more on that once we get response from Board of Supervisors.
- **Projects in the works**
  - Budget Process
- **Incidents and Items of note**
  - VFA Grant
  - Business Inspections ongoing
  - Type 6 assigned to Sawmill Fire in Tucson, three of our personnel have been assigned.
  - Anniversaries:
    - Engineer Luke Weber – 11 years

**6. BUSINESS.** *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board prior to the start of the meeting.*

A. March 2017 Financial Report. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of March the ending register balance for Wells Fargo Bank was \$863,268.04. Payroll account, National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$79,990.60. March Income \$114,745.01; March Expenses \$192,018.83.
  - Clerk Hommel motioned to approve financial report as read, Director McCarter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motioned carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: FY 2017/2018 Budget update presentation. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager presented to the Board by power point the working budget and stated that we have 3 new Board Members so he wanted to give a summary on the budget. This is not a proposal just an update. Real estate income will be going up \$32,491.38 which is good. With some other adjustments to other income items we are up a total of \$52,596.24. Chairman asked about the income from the Paramedic academy; Firefighter academy and the EMT academy if they are realistic income items. Chief Yeager responded no, not right now and we will probably need a special meeting to discuss those items. Capital and Contingency, we will set high because we don't know what the number will be until we end this budget year. The Grants are all the same expect the Fire Act Grant for the Air Packs and communications. If we don't get the grant we can't spend it. Going down to expenses the wages are staying the same due to the wage freeze. The big increase is our PSPRS is going up \$102,000 we have no control over this. Our PSPRS is underfunded by 25%. Bullhead City was hit with \$700,000; Lake Havasu City almost One Million; Mohave Valley doubled. This pension increase is going to hurt a lot of districts. The only solution is to reduce wages or layoffs and I'm not prepared to do that. Our worker's compensation has come down due to our experience rating, this comes from our hard work to keep workers safe. The total wages and benefits is up \$101,908. I have reduced the office expense by \$2,300. Removed \$6,600 due to a non-election year. Professional services cut \$10k; increased utilities due to anticipation of more rentals. We are considering alternating physicals to every other year for employees under 40, that would save 10k. We are weighting the benefit vs the risk. Operations staying the same; dispatch down \$10,505; training up \$1,300. With all these changes, we are \$28,732 over budget, that is what I need to cut to balance the budget. Chief Yeager asked if any questions and offered to make time if any Board Member would like to come to the office to go over the budget one on one. Clerk Hommel thanked the Firefighters for their help. Chief Yeager

stated that when he took over the district was spending \$300,000 per month. With the help of all the employees we are running about \$190,000 per month. Our average is \$238,000, we are running every month under budget. What is really hurting us is the pension increase.

- No Action

**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)(3) for legal advice regarding the method of payment for an EMS Program Coordinator position; County Board of Supervisors rescission of Resolution #2013-150; SCBA Grant IGA; Mutual Aid Agreement; Communications Grant IGA.

- Clerk Hommel motioned to go into Executive Session. Director McCarter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motioned carried.
  - Executive Session began at approximately 6:38 p.m.
  - Public Session reconvened at approximately 7:40 p.m.

**8. BUSINESS, continued...** *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board prior to the start of the meeting.*

A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Method of payment for EMS Program Coordinator position. (Yeager)

- Chairman Gorham motioned that no action be taken. Clerk Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Intergovernmental Agreement between Golden Valley Fire District, City of Kingman, Pinion Pine Fire District, Northern Consolidated Fire District #1 and Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District for Assistance to Firefighter Grant (SCBA). (Yeager)

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Intergovernmental Agreement between Golden Valley Fire District, City of Kingman, Northern Consolidated Fire District #1 and Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire District for Assistance to Firefighter Grant (Communications); Approval of Waiver of Conflict and Consent to Joint Representation re same. (Yeager)

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Adoption of the Mohave County Fire Officers' Association Mutual Aid Agreement; Approval of Waiver of Conflict and Consent to Joint Representation re: same. (Yeager)

- Chairman Gorham motioned to approve items 8B, 8C, 8D under consensus. Clerk Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Service Agreement with Task Force 1, Inc. for training session entitled Coordinated Attack. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager stated this is a joint tactical training class coordinated with Kingman. The company specializes in coordinated attack, mutual aid response and how to function together, there is classroom and hands on training. The company does require a service agreement, we are asking the Board to approve this agreement.

- Clerk Hommel motioned to approve signing agreement. Director McCarter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Insurance options for individuals to rent the Public Safety Training Center. (Administration)

- Ms. Fleischmann stated that administration called to see how other Fire Districts and businesses were handling the issue of insurance for renting their facilities to the public. Most districts did not rent out to the public; the VFW and American Legion had their own insurances that covered the rentals. Golden Paradise Landowner requires insurance certificates which they informed me that they refer potential renters to go online where they can purchase insurance by entering "Special

Event Insurance". Chief Yeager suggested that administration can direct the public to these websites and at least the citizens have an avenue to obtain insurance.

- Clerk Hommel motioned that no action be taken. Director McCarter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review of new RAGHT premiums and changes effective July 1, 2017 and adjustment to HSA contribution amount for High Deductible Health Plan. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger informed the Board that in February herself and Chief Yeager went to the RAGHT meeting in Phoenix for the annual meeting. The following changes were voted upon; adding TeleDoc; out of network coverage through Aetna; adjustments in the deductible and some increases in prescription copays. They will be aligning benefits so the deductibles and out of pocket align with our plan year instead of on a calendar year. There is an 5% increase in vision; no increase in dental and an increase to medical averaging about 4%. These changes take effect July 1, 2017. We will be having meetings next week with the employees to go over the changes. Applying these increases to our current budget which was based on BCBS private plan and Delta Dental and Delta Vision we are looking at a 1.02% increase for next budget year. Administration is asking the Board to adjust the contribution amount placed in the HSA accounts which is the difference between employee only rate from EPO to High Deductible plan. Each year it will change a small amount, this year it is \$2.94.
  - Clerk Hommel motioned that the amount of the HSA contribution be the difference between the employee rate EPO to the employee rate of the HDHP. Director McCarter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

**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.**

- Director Gorham adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

**MINUTES prepared by: JoAnn Fleischmann/Mindy Kindelberger**  
*(This is a working draft, until Board approval)*

**Date:** 05/01/2017