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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 **May 25, 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 April 27, 2017
- B. Regular Meeting of April 27, 2017 – Executive Session; Item 7A
- C. Special Meeting of May 3, 2017

- Clerk Hommel motioned to approve all minutes with a correction to the executive session minutes on page 2 as noted. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. April 2017 Operational Report. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager reported that for the month of April there were 163 calls; 6 reports not completed, 7 fire calls, 103 EMS, 1 Hazardous Condition (no fire), 18 Service Calls, 19 Good Intent and 9 False Alarms. We are working on Image Trend so I can tell you what the calls where. We are changing our CAD response for our operations. Right now, we send three attack units to a brush fire, I am changing that to two attack units and one structure engine for protection because we are getting into wildland season. We have cleaned up our auto aid agreement with Kingman for Hwy 93 and Hwy 40. So now we are sending one attack and one duty officer instead of two attacks and one duty officer so we can keep one station in service. We are changing our operation respond and improving it. We are going to start getting response times for each shift at each station. We need to meet the averages per ISO and NFP requirements.

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 to report
- **Equipment**
 - Attack 125 is the brush unit that caught fire. All the parts are in and starting to put back together.

- Installing a tank and skid unit in the old Fire Marshal's truck. It will have 100 gallons of water, we use this for roadside fires. I will drive that in the summer months.
- **Training**
 - Completed the wildland refresher training with all personnel.
 - Rapid intervention mutual-aid training with Kingman, this for rescue of downed firefighters or victims.
 - Air pack training.
- **Meetings attended**
 - Mohave County Fire Officer Association
 - Regional Dispatch
 - Assessor office
 - KRMC regarding training
 - AMR regarding refresher training
- **Projects in the works**
 - Budget preparations
- **Incidents and Items of note**
 - All agencies are participating in the CPR challenge with River Medical. We had a crew at Maverick and Coast In Gas, we teach the public two minute hands only CPR. The goal is to educate 3,000 people.
 - Anniversaries:
Engineer Proudfoot 8 years
Firefighter Gore 3 years
Correction for Engineer Weber is 12 years not 11 years as reported at last meeting.
- **Thank You**
 - Thank all the crews for doing their jobs as we have been very busy lately, they have been doing a great job.
- Clerk Hommel asked the Chief what is the status on AMR sharing quarters with GVFD. Chief Yeager informed the board that the first step is to request the property change with BLM. That request was submitted per board approval and we are awaiting their reply.

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. April 2017 Financial Report. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of April the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$921,845.17. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$79,990.67. April Income \$243,511.10; April Expenses \$211,474.45. Chairman Gorham asked Ms. Kindelberger what the bank balance represents. Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the register balance represents our cash position after all transactions that occurred that month even if they have not cleared the bank, it is not the actual cash in the bank at the end of the month.
 - Clerk Hommel motioned to approve financial report as read, Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motioned carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Contract with Nucor Steel. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager informed the Board that the Nucor Steel contract is up for renewal on July 1st. Last year they had a complaint about performance. I had a performance review with them and they were very happy, we have done everything we said we would do. I met with Nucor and presented a one year contract based on their taxes which would be \$48,237.92. Nucor countered back with a five-year contract with a 2% per year increase. That would be about an \$600 increase per year. By the end of the five-year contract they would be at \$36,828.85. I need some direction from the Board on how to proceed. Clerk Hommel stated that it seems harsh for Nucor to expect the taxpayers of the District to pick up the slack for Nucor's profits.
 - Clerk Hommel motioned that the contract with Nucor be based on their taxes at \$48,237.92. Director McCarter 2nd. Discussion: Chairman Gorham stated that he agrees with Clerk Hommel

that Nucor needs to pay what the taxpayers pay. Chief Yeager added that Nucor has not had an increase on their contract since 2011. Director Osborn stated that the \$600 increase per year as proposed by Nucor won't even pay the fuel to go there all year long. They need to pay like our taxpayers. Call for the vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Tentative Budget for FY 2017/2018. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager directed the board to budget C because of the action just taken on Nucor. Chief reminded the board that we are budgeting high on our capital and contingency, we will lower this when we get the final numbers from the county. We will also adjust Nucor based on their decision. Chief Yeager went through all the line items on the budget and explained the reasons for the increases and decreases from our current year. Chairman Gorham stated that it looks like a very good budget and thanked the Chief for his presentation.
 - Clerk Hommel motioned to accept the tentative budget as presented. Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Engagement letter from Saunders Company, LTD for Annual Audits 2017-2019 Fiscal Years. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger informed the board that our three-year contract with the auditors expired with the last budget year. They have sent us a new three-year proposal; the increase is \$500 for year 1 and year 2 and an \$900 increase for year 3. This does not include their travel expenses which run about \$500 per year. These new numbers are reflected in the budget. I have called other districts and a lot of the districts around us are using Saunders and everyone seems happy with them. Clerk Hommel added that these prices are responsible and the firm is good.
 - Clerk Hommel motioned to accept the contract with Saunders Company. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Workers' Compensation Quote Proposal from 7710 Insurance. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger informed the board that we have a decrease of \$18,945.00 this year. This is due to a reduction in our mod factor and the rates have also gone down. We have had no workers compensation claims this policy year to date with this new company. They are much easier to work with than CopperPoint.
 - Director Osborn motioned to accept the renewal for workers compensation insurance from 7710 Insurance. Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

7. 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

8. ADJOURNMENT.

- Director Gorham adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:47 p.m.