



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 **August 24, 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 - Consent Agenda

- A. Regular Meeting of July 27, 2017
- B. Regular Meeting of July 27, 2017~ Executive Session
- C. Special Meeting of August 3, 2017

- Clerk Hommel moved to approve the consent agenda as read. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. July 2017 Operational Report. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager reported that for the month of July there were 74 calls; Station 11 had 31 calls, Station 12 had 18 and Station 13 had 12 and 2 out of district 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.)*

- **Fire District properties**

- Overhead garage door at Station 12 was repaired
- Station 12 had a lightning strike which did some damage to computers, phone lines, radio speakers and Engineer Childers had to go for evaluation at the hospital, he is back to work. Captain Martin working with insurance company due to the value of equipment damage.

- **Equipment**

- Attack 125 still in shop.
- Type 3 is back from California and in the shop to be checked out. The front tires were replaced and a few air leaks were repaired fixed.
- Engine 121 had a front tire replaced.

- **Meetings attended**

- Mohave County Fire Officer Association
- Regional Dispatch
- Emergency Management Communication Meeting

- KRMC Pre-Hospital Care Meeting
- AMR Continued Service Improvement Meeting
- **Projects in the works**
 - Updating the Standard Operating Guide Line Manual
- **Incidents and Items of note**
 - Nucor Golden Valley Blood Drive is tomorrow
 - Wildland crews back from assignments
 - Type 6 went out on additional assignment to Ash fork
 - Type 3 was out 21 days
 - Type 6 left Monday for Oregon
 - Anniversaries:
 - JoAnn Fleischmann – 2 years
 - Jarod Marks – 1 year
 - Mechanic John Sutherland was able to negotiate with Chrysler on repairs that were made on the Type 6 that broke down in Phoenix. It was out of warranty but John was able to get a reimbursement for half of the cost.

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. Discussion and possible action regarding: July 2017 Financial Report. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of July the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$572,014.81. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$173,511.54. The payroll account balance is high because we are getting ready to payout refunds for PSPRS overpayments which was done August 1. July Income \$126,334.52; July Expenses \$250,991.15, expenses are high due to wildland overtime of \$31,000. The balance sheet has a liability in the pension \$41,416.00 payable to PSPRS because they are backlogged and asked us not to send any money for July and August until they get their website up, then we can start taking our credit memos to offset PSPRS refunds. We have the last wildland to bill which should be close to \$100,000.00.
 - Clerk Hommel motioned to approve financial report, Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise Article 62 General Benefits. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger informed board that this Policy has never been updated since being in place. We are doing housekeeping in which the article states all employees, it was not separated out by fulltime, part-time or POC.
 - Clerk Hommel moved to accept changes to Article 62 as presented. Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: KRMC Occupational Health contract request. (Administration)
- Chief Yeager informed the Board that we be given more time to research other options as KRMC is not the only facility. Chief Yeager explained that this is for the physicals of our part time employees and volunteers.
 - Clerk Hommel moved to take no action. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Public Funds Account for payroll, bank options. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger informed the board that we have had some issues with National Bank of Arizona and now that they are no longer in Golden Valley we are looking at other options. Out of the six banks I contacted only two that replied do Public Funds accounts. The two banks are Chase and Wells Fargo Bank. Both banks will waive fees if we keep a daily minimum balance of \$3,000. This will save the District about \$120.00 a year. The advantage with Wells Fargo is that we can also do our warrant deposits there. Chairman stated he is not happy with National Bank of Arizona. Director

Osborn asked Comptroller Kindelberger for her recommendation. Comptroller Kindelberger stated Wells Fargo Bank would be her recommendation.

- Clerk Hommel moved to have staff prepare the necessary documents to change to Wells Fargo Bank and bring back to the Board. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Discussion Only: Meeting times for Board Meetings. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger informed board that she asked the Chairman if we could discuss the meetings as they used to be at 5:00 pm and were changed to 6:00 pm. Chairman Gorham stated that the hours were changed due to some board members being employed. Comptroller Kindelberger also stated that there have been complaints from Lovelle Barnett that JoAnn and I are getting overtime to come to these meetings. I made a list of fire district on what times they have their meetings, so you can see what other districts are doing. Clerk Hommel stated he didn't give much care to Lovelle Barnett's opinion. However, if we were to change the time to 5:00 pm would we gain anything? Mindy stated that last year we had one meeting that went over an hour, so if we had the meetings at five the majority of the meetings would be over by six so we would be within our regular hours and not go into overtime. Clerk Hommel stated if we were to pay any attention what so ever to Lovelle Barnett's whine it seems to me that we would have to have board meetings in the 8am to 5pm bracket so that we would be only in the straight time hours, these things get more ridiculous with Lovelle Barnett all the time. If we move to 5pm we really gain nothing. Mindy stated that we would eliminate most overtime, I personally don't want the overtime I'd rather go home on time and I'm sure JoAnn feels the same. Clerk Hommel stated the meetings are held for the convenience of the board not to put money in your pocket and I think Lovelle Barnett needs to understand that that it is not you trying to enrich yourself that this is for the convenience of the board and quite frankly I'll state once again that I couldn't care less about Lovelle Barnett's opinion, for the record. Chairman Gorham asked Director McCarter for his opinion, Director McCarter stated he liked 5:00 pm. Director Juneau stated that if we changed it to five then she'll complain that the working people can't come because they work until 5:00. You're not going to stop her from complaining. Director Osborn agreed and stated that were not going to fix this, there is no way to fix this. Clerk Hommel stated that this board has a responsibility to look to the good of the public and the tax payers of this community and I think this board is doing that effectively and professionally. Director Osborn stated that we must save the public's money, that's what we're here for and what we're supposed to be doing I'm not sure how we would do it to make her happy. Chairman suggested we could change it to 3:00 pm. Clerk Hommel stated that if we moved within the 8 to 5 working hours then there would be no staff at the admin office then Lovelle Barnett would complain about that. Chief Yeager stated that if we moved to five, obviously the office staff needs to leave the office prior to five to be here. The office would be closed half hour early. Chairman Gorham stated that in the winter months a five o'clock meeting time would be nice. Director Osborn suggested a trail of a few months starting the meetings at 4:00 or 4:30 and see how it works out. Chairman Gorham stated that no matter what time we set the meeting Lovelle Barnett will complain. This District does not revolve around a citizen who is in my opinion is mentally imbalanced. It is what the Board feels is best for the Board and still allow the citizens to attend a meeting. Maybe we should direct staff to come back with a proposal to change the times for 2 or 3 months. Captain Martin addressed the board to explain the history of the meeting times. Martin stated that the reason it was 5:00 is that we held the meetings in the administration office on Mayer Road after the office closed. When we moved the meeting to Colorado Road it was a prior administration that wanted the meetings later. It was always held after office hours because some Board Members worked and to allow the public to attend. Director Juneau suggested 5:30 pm that allows the office to stay open and give staff ½ hour to get here. Clerk Hommel stated that we have an obligation to our community. If we set the meeting earlier in the day there are some people that work

and would not be able to attend. My opinion is that the 6:00 pm meeting time allows working people to attend and retired people that would like to eat dinner first and then attend the meeting. My recommendation is to stay with the 6:00 pm time. Chief Yeager informed the Board that staff is flexing their hours to eliminate as much overtime as possible. Clerk Hommel stated that we are being driven by an unstable person, I would recommend we let staff work out the details and follow recommendations. Chairman Gorham directed staff to bring back as action item on the next meeting.

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.*

- Engineer Childers commented on the discussion of the meeting times. I feel the one thing that needs to be taken into consideration is the girls hours, that they must flex hours in the morning and they live so far away. They do a fantastic job for us. The convenience of the Board and staff should be considered, I think you all do a good job. Don't let a single individual dictate the direction the District, staff and Board takes. So, if that means a 5:00 pm time works out best for the girls so they can get home earlier and not have to flex their hours.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

- Director Gorham adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

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

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