



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 **October 26, 2017 at 5:30 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 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 28, 2017

- Clerk Hommel noted he would abstain. No motion was made for approval of minutes.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. September 2017 Operational Report. (Yeager)

- Chief Yeager stated for the month of September there were 169 calls; 8 fire calls, 105 EMS, 1 Hazardous, 16 Service call, 27 Good Intent, 11 False Alarms and 1 reports not completed.

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**
 - Normal maintenance being done
- **Equipment**
 - Attack 125 back in service. All units are in service.
- **Training:**
 - Image Trend System
 - Joint Training with Kingman on Task Force Coordinated Attack Training
 - Annual Drill with Praxair- Hazmat Team – next week
- **Meetings attended**
 - Mohave County Fire Officer Association
 - Regional Dispatch/911 Center
 - Emergency Management Communication Meeting
 - KRMC Pre-Hospital Care Meeting
 - AMR Continued Service Improvement Meeting
 - Participated in Golden Valley Parade

- **Projects in the works**
 - Rehab Unit
 - Communications Tower PSTC
 - Technical Rescue Vehicle
- **Incidents and Items of note**
 - Anniversaries:
 - Captain Dave Martin- 22 years
 - Captain Dave Cunningham- 22 years
 - Dave Guerrero- 7 years
 - Chairman Gorham asked if we've heard anything on the grants. Chief Yeager stated we were denied all our Fire Grants. It is not just us, everybody was denied grants. Colorado City received a Thermal Imaging Grant and NACFD received a Water Tender Grant. Chairman asked what the cost for the air packs are, Captain Martin voiced that it was about \$400,000. Chief Yeager stated that we are going to try for the grant again next year. We will have to purchase the air packs one way or the other whether we get it on a grant or we must buy them. This is nothing that this administration or Board did, it is something that should have been planned years ago in the Capital Plan. Clerk Hommel asked if it is possible to purchase half the units we need and to stagger the purchase over the years. Chief Yeager stated yes, if it was done that way originally, since the district in the past bought them all at once they'll expire all at once. This is a priority item for us, as soon as we got the letter we started the process to go after the grant again. Director Juneau asked if they are re-furnishable or rebuildable, Chief stated they are not.

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: September 2017 Financial Report. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of September the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$287,554.41. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$79,990.24. September Income \$63,817.62; September Expenses \$244,916.90. We had \$37,000.00 in overtime for wildland which threw us over our average. We recouped \$93,000 so far in credit memos against the PSPRS Contribution refunds that we made in August of \$159,000.
 - Clerk Hommel motioned to accept the financial report as presented, Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revision to Article 70 Workers' Compensation for changes to Supplemental Benefits Plan. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger informed the Board that Article 70.9 we are just changing the wording so that we are in compliance with Arizona Statue 38-961. The Supplemental Benefits Plan is for an employee who goes out on a workers' comp injury, we had it written that they get six months of coverage, the law says they get six months and that it can be extended six months on an individual basis, we are adding that to our policy.
 - Clerk Hommel moved that the Board approve the change. Director Juneau 2nd. Discussion: Chairman Gorham asked if we have put into place something to protect us, so we don't lose money on the workers' comp payments to employees. Chief Yeager stated the policy change is to have the verbiage of the state law, we do have a mechanism in place to recoup workers compensation checks from the employee. Call for the vote: All in favor, motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Fire Board Members obtaining public records and cost associated. (Hommel)

- Clerk Hommel requested from the Board that a resolution to allow Board members acting on board business free access to records at no charge so that the business of the Board can be successfully concluded. Chairman Gorham informed the board that there is no resolution needed; to my knowledge there is no procedure established that a Board member had to pay for records. Chief

Yeager stated that not that we can find, there was discussion about it in past minutes, the fee schedule is clear if you get copies you pay, it doesn't separate public, Board members or Fire Chief.

- Clerk Hommel motioned that the Board Members in the pursuit of Board business to access documents and or receive copies at no charge in the conclusion of Board business. Director McCarter 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review monthly Attorney charges. (Gorham)

- Chairman Gorham informed the public that we started doing this at every meeting, so the public knows what we are spending on outside attorneys. Comptroller Kindelberger stated that this month's bill is \$320, \$64 is for the audit and \$256 for citizen complaints. Clerk Hommel asked if it is for complaints or requests for documents. Chief Yeager informed Board that this is for citizen complaints for direction to legal counsel that was given by this board in the last executive session.
 - No Action

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review monthly records request. (Gorham)

- Chairman Gorham informed board that this is informational only and read the following log.

Date	By	Item	Pages	Ready on	Picked up	Fees
09/28/17	Lexis Nexis Ins.	Fire Report	9	10/3/2017	10/05/2017 mailed	\$5.00
10/3/2017	NGIC Insurance	Fire Report		fire report not completed		
10/11/2017	Dawn Cavender	Fire Report	6	10/11/2017	Emailed 10/11/2017	owner no charge
10/11/2017	John Sutherland	Records Request from Eva Scott for mechanic fuel logs	6	10/11/2017	10/11/2017	\$3.00
10/18/2017	Lexis Nexis Ins.	Fire Report	11	10/20/2017	10/20/2017 Mail	\$5.00

- No Action

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 5:52 p.m.

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

Date: 10/31/2017