



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, August 24, 2022 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 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 Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Director George Payntar; Chair Sue Foster; Clerk Tony DeMaio; Director Jack Hommel were all present. Director Gary Juneau was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2022

B. Executive Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2022

- Director Payntar motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Clerk DeMaio 2nd. All in favor, motioned carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. July 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of July there were 301 calls total: no breakdown on incident types due to a discrepancy among them. Golden Valley Fire District responded to 30 more calls than July 2021.

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)*

- District properties – Assistant Fire Chief Martin

- Station 11 due to high humidity, the air conditioner condensation leaked into the building because the drain lines were clogged. A heating and cooling company came out and cleared the lines.
- Station 13 the generator is back online, remember we had the fuel tank replaced due to a leak.
- Station 12 the garage door will be explained in Section 6F, the garage door will have to be replaced.

- Equipment – Assistant Fire Chief Martin

- Brush 126 came back from California; our mechanic went through it. The equipment is back in service.

- Training

- Chief Martin and I attended an annual pipeline safety training that happens every year, there is a pipeline that runs through part of the district.

- Driver's training which was a multi-agency training between Golden Valley, Yucca and Dolan Springs. Each department trains in their own equipment. Yucca's equipment is still here for the mechanic to work on instead of the mechanic having to drive to Yucca. Their equipment should be gone by the end of the week.
- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Fire Officer's meeting tomorrow.
 - Meeting yesterday with Chuck Watkins of River Medical to discuss some issues with staffing paramedics on their ambulances and things they are trying to do to better their response. They are asking input from agencies and concerns that we might have. It has not really affected Golden Valley as much as Kingman, Northern Arizona, and some of the more populated areas. They are more than willing to work with us, nice to have that conversation with them.
 - Chief Martin met with a potential new business that is building next to Myers Distributing. It is on a piece of property that is already in our fire district. When it is completed, it should be larger than Myers Distributing and would be a nice asset to the fire district.
- Projects in the works
 - Captains testing as reported last month.
 - Also, will have to do Engineer testing.
 - We hired a new Firefighter; she will be pinned next month. Her name is Stephanie Root.
- Thank-You
 - We would like to thank Safeway for the four pallets of water donated which will be shared with Yucca.
- Anniversaries
 - Firefighter Kenyon Martin 4 years.
- Proposition 310 – 1/10th of a percent Sales Tax. This PowerPoint presentation is more for training to show the benefits of this sales tax increase. It is for the entire State of Arizona, not just for Mohave County. Wanted to inform you so you could explain it to someone who doesn't understand. We can have a community gathering to discuss further if the community would like that. Chief presented the following comparison of our revenue from FY 2008-2009 to last year FY 2021-2022.

<u>2008-2009</u>		<u>2021-2022</u>
1,573	1,324 ↑84% Calls	2,897
\$2.50	\$0.75 ↑30% Tax Levy	\$3.25
\$3,790,038	\$1,808,718 ↓52% Revenue	\$1,981,320

Since FY 08/09 our call count has increased by 84% but our tax revenue has decrease 52%. We are operating on half of what we were receiving 13 years ago. The laws that have been passed since 2009 has made it hard for fire districts to operate. Per the County we gain approximately \$100,000 in property tax per year. This 1/10th of a percent sales tax would really help our fire district. An analysis was done for each of the 144 fire districts in Arizona based on our FY 19/20 numbers we would have gained approximately \$1.24 million from this sales tax. It is a good thing for this district, every ten dollars you spend you pay an extra \$0.01. This is not just the people who live in Arizona but anyone who is visiting as well. This is a twenty-year tax and could allow the board to forgo future levy increases on our citizens. If this passes levy increases could be saved for the fire chief in twenty years that will need to make up for this lost revenue. We need to be smart with this money and not spend it loosely.

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 July 2022 Financial Reports. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of July the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$897,607.91. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$50,003.23. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$90,000.37. Income \$200,574.02; Expenses \$324,845.32. Our expenses are high due to our quarterly dispatch of \$18,000, Workers Compensation of \$45,000 and paid \$51,000 for a Grant Expense for a total of

- \$114,000.00 in extra expenses this month. Our monthly expense average based on last fiscal year is \$248,000 per month.
- Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve the July 2022 report as presented. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of July 2022. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the record request for July as follows:
07/11/22 Capaz Law Firm, Incident & EMS report, ready on 08/16/22, 14 pages, collected \$7.00.
07/18/22 Written Deposition Services, looking for all records on a Willie Rose, still processing this request.
 - No Action
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise Policy Article 59 Promotions and Article 9 Probationary Period; reduce probation period for promotions from twelve months to six months. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that the policy was re-written years ago and this is one of the policies that was missed and does not match with the standard operating guidelines. It has always been Golden Valley's history that new hires have a twelve-month probationary period while promotions have a six-month probationary period. Clerk DeMaio stated that these employees have already been vetted, these employees have already been here for several years, and this policy should never have been changed to twelve months for promotional bases.
 - Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve the probationary period change to six months, Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Discussion only: Town Hall Meeting held by Mohave Economics Development on August 25, 2022, to be held at the Public Safety Training Center. (Cunningham)
- The Economic Development Department reached out and asked if we would host a community meeting. They want to come out and discuss what is going on in the County. They would like to hear from the Golden Valley residents and what some of their needs are. Just an open forum to get the citizens ideas and thoughts. Chief Martin mentioned that he had heard that there may be another start to incorporate Golden Valley which has been tried multiple times in the past. It hasn't passed in the past because the infrastructure is not here. The meeting will be held August 25th from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm.
 - No Action
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Consideration of boundary change request from Bobbie and Lance Schott and possible signature of resolution to amend the district's boundary. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated Bobbie and her husband has a forty-acre parcel and would like to annex it into our district. They are in the Legend Ranch area which includes Teddy Roosevelt and Colorado Road, North of Aqua Fria. The fire district is all around that area but none of it is in our fire district. This is bare property; the roads are well maintained and easily accessible so my recommendation would be to approve annexing the property into our fire district.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the annexation, Clerk DeMaio 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of quote for new bay door from Kingman Garage Door Company; amount exceeds chiefs spending limit. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that this is the bay door that Chief Martin mentioned last month and again earlier in his report. We do maintain the doors, but this is the original bay door from when the building was built in 1995. This has gotten to the point where the tract is extremely bent, the cables are frayed, and we were told a long time ago that when these bay doors are gone that they do not make these doors anymore. Now one of the panels has sustained damage and they do not make these panels anymore. The only alternative is to replace the bay door. This is the quote to replace the door with windows for \$6,926.70.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the bay door with windows, Chairperson Foster 2nd the motion. 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.

- Chairperson Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:53 a.m.

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

Date: 08/25/2022

By: _____
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved:

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