



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, September 28, 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 Gary Juneau; Chair Sue Foster; Clerk Tony DeMaio and Director Jack Hommel were all present. Director George Payntar was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2022

- Director Hommel motioned to approve the minutes. Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motioned carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. August 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of August there were 275 calls total and out of those calls 151 of them were either medical or trauma related.

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
 - Training center had two AC units serviced.
 - Station 13 – the urinal had a valve fixed on it.
- Equipment – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
 - Attack 115 ECM crashed, had to have a new ECM installed.
 - Water Tender 118 the turbo went out, turbo has been replaced. The truck is back in service as of today.
 - Attack 126, the injector pump went out. To replace the injector pump, the cab had to be lifted off to get to the motor. The truck is back in service.
 - Water Tender 138 was at Velocity last month to fix the speedometer, they did not fix it. The truck is going back to Velocity today, it is still under warranty.
- Training
 - Two Firefighters attended state fire school this month.
 - Chief Martin is going to be attending a CO2 Extinguishing Systems class at the end of this week.
- Meetings Attended

- Mohave County Fire Officer's meeting, the hot topic was Prop 310
- Brookfield Renewable which is the wind turbines recently annexed into the fire district. This property recently sold, and we were able to tour the facilities, it is impressive. They want to expand our relationship and they are willing to do training with us.
- AMR monthly meeting
- LEPC (local emergency planning committee) meeting
- The Anderson Company would like to engage in a contract with us, it is north of Crazy Fred's. It is a fuel transfer station; they will be off-loading diesel and gas from train cars to semis to distribute around the area. They cannot be annexed into the district, so they would like to do a contract. Annually it will be approximately \$5,000 which will be brought to the board later. They would like this to be long term; however, they are leasing the property from the railroad.
- ConRoc Ready Mix is a cement company off old Route 66, they would like to have a contract with our fire district. It is in the board packet for approval, the service agreement has a two percent increase each year. This amount is based on what they would pay if they were in the district.
- Chief Martin went to the prison yesterday for the annual training meeting. This year they want to do an active shooter training which is scheduled for December 7th and we will participate in.
- Martin and I visited Fire Trucks Unlimited on Monday in Henderson to discuss the future purchase of two new attack units. The cost is around \$201,000 for each brush unit. Chief Martin looked for other bids, one would not even give a bid as they could not meet our specs and the other bid increased from \$250,000 to \$300,000 and was limited on the types of vehicles we could get. Obviously, Fire Trucks Unlimited was the cheapest and willing to work with us, we want a 2023 Dodge, and they were the only ones who could get us those trucks.
- Projects in the works
 - The captain and engineer testing are scheduled for October 17th and October 26th, respectively. The captain testing will be over twelve to fourteen days as we will be getting people from other departments to help participate in the testing. The engineers testing will be done in one day.
- Thank-You
 - None
- Anniversaries
 - Engineer Jimmy Childers with fourteen years.

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 August 2022 Financial Reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of August the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$814,629.31. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$50,017.92. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$45,206.53. Income \$181,688.80; Expenses \$270,728.44.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the August 2022 report as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of August 2022. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the records request for August as follows:
 - One hold over from July 17th from Written Deposition Service, all records for a Mr. Rose which was ready on August 31st, and we collected \$5.00.
 - 08/01/22 and 08/02/22 Mohave County Dept of Public Health requested records, these are records for overdose deaths. One was ready on 08/01/22, one we had no records. No fees collected as this is agency to agency.
 - 08/10/22 Jose Herrera requested a fire report, ready on the 10th 14 pages, property owner, no fees collected.
 - 08/02/22 Law Office of Lerner & Rowe, requested billing records, we referred them to EF Recovery.
 - No action

- C. Discussion only: Review of attorney invoices. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated the current attorney invoice is \$225 for the Yucca IGA and the Northern Arizona/Chloride IGA.
 - No action
- D. Discussion only: Insurance Services Office (ISO) fire suppression delivery system rating. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated we recently wrapped up our ISO as reported last month, we received our letter showing that it is unchanged at 04/10. Any property within five miles of a fire station is rated at a 4, outside of that it is considered a 10. The insurance services office does a survey in all fire departments to gage what they are going to charge citizens for insurance. The lower the number the better the premiums; it is unchanged from last time, but we are going to strive to do better. Really the only way to get the number down is to add stations and personnel, which would require more vehicles. For a rural fire district, a 4/10 is very good.
 - No action
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Move November and December meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month due to conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated we move these meetings each year. The new dates would be November 16th and December 21st.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the date changes. Director Juneau 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Board approval to have Brush truck 126 repaired in the event it exceeds the Chief's spending limit. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated this is the repair for the injector pump the amount of the quote was only \$125 away from his spending limit of \$5,000. This is a front-line vehicle it has been repaired. But for transparency I wanted to bring to the board.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve having the truck repaired. Clerk DeMaio 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Board approval to have Water Tender 118 repaired as it exceeds the Chief's spending limit. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that this is a first line vehicle, and the repair has been completed. The cost was \$7,700.16 and again for transparency I wanted to bring to the board.
 - Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve, Director Juneau 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
- H. Discussion and possible action regarding: Surplus – 1975 Ford Aerial Ladder Truck, Truck Crane, and Portable Welder/Generator, approve resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)
- Chief stated this truck is currently at the maintenance building. This vehicle was bought new by Kingman Fire, and we are the second owner. I have had conversations with some of the board members about selling this vehicle, and I thought this had already been surplus. I did talk to Kingman Fire to see if they would be interested in getting this truck back but both prior and current Chiefs were not interested. I did list this truck on public surplus, it was purchased for more than \$4,000 which is twice as much as we thought we would get. The truck crane and portable welder/generator is from the vehicle that the previous inhouse mechanic used. These are items that we don't use anymore.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve the surplus items, Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Discussion and possible action regarding: Service agreement for EMS & fire protection for ConRoc Ready Mix, LLC. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that ConRoc Ready Mix approached us for a service agreement. This service agreement has been reviewed by our legal counsel. The annually amount of \$2,066 is based on what they would pay if they were in the fire district. There is a clause if they are ever eligible to annex into the fire district they will. This service agreement has a two percent increase each year but not to exceed our tax levy. If the property values raise above that two percent than we will bring this back to the board for an increase.
 - Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve the service agreement, Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- J. Discussion only: Proposition 310 ballot initiative of 1/10 of 1 cent sales tax to help fund Arizona fire districts; future town hall meeting regarding same. (Foster)
- Chairperson Foster stated the reason she wanted this on the agenda, so citizens can be informed of the town hall meeting on October 13th at 6:00 pm at the Training Center. Chief Cunningham stated that Chief Pat Moore from Bullhead City Fire Department will be the speaker for this town hall meeting. This is an informative meeting not a debate. Chief stated that all fire districts should be informing the citizens about proposition 310 as this will help all fire departments, even though they are not allowed to endorse they can at least educate the public. Most voters see a tax on the ballot automatically vote no because they do not understand what or how this tax works. This tax would be paid by everyone, not just residence but people who are visiting the state of Arizona since it is a sales tax. The assessed values of properties have gone down causing many fire districts to decrease their staffing levels. Golden Valley Fire has not decreased staffing as we are already below the minimum standard for staffing. The Chief would like to see everyone at this meeting and to explain to others exactly how this proposition 310 will help not just our fire district but all fire districts in Arizona.
 - 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.

- Chairperson Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m.

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

Date: 09/29/2022

By: _____
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved: