



# 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, October 26, 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 9:07 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Director George Payntar; Chair Sue Foster; Clerk Tony DeMaio and 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

##### A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2022

- Director Hommel motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Clerk DeMaio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

#### 5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

##### A. September 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of September there were a total of 219 calls; 127 medical, 8 false alarms, 25 fire incidents, 1 good intent, 31 service calls and 27 special incidents such as calls cancelled in route.

##### 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)*

- Pinning Ceremony of our new firefighter, Stephanie Root. She works part time at many other fire districts: Tusayan, Guardian Ambulance, Lake Mohave Ranchos and Yucca. She is only the second career female firefighter for Golden Valley Fire District. Fire Chief Cunningham administered the oath of office and also pinned Firefighter Root.
- District properties – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
  - Station 12 still waiting on the garage door to arrive, should be here around the first week of December.
- Equipment – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
  - Water Tender 138 had to be returned to Velocity for warranty work on the speedometer.
  - Water Tender 118 had valves replaced and serviced.
  - Attack 115 had turbo replaced.
  - Our volunteer, Steve Kitter, fixed the electrical components of water tender 128. Thank you to Steve and our volunteers!

- Training
  - Kingman Fire Department hosted a rope rescue class which was attended by one of our firefighters.
  - A couple of our firefighters attended the Decision Making for the Initial Company Operations offered by the National Fire Academy and hosted by the Kingman Fire Department.
- Meetings Attended
  - Mohave County officers meeting is tomorrow, the AMR meeting is generally the same day.
  - Assistant Chief Martin met with prison officials and other county officials to discuss the annual training event which will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>, this is going to be an active shooter scenario.
  - The Chiefs attended the groundbreaking ceremony for L & G Pumping Systems & Solutions off I40 & the Griffith property. This is in in our district; therefore, no contracts will be needed.
  - The captain's written examination was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and will continue throughout the month of November. The Engineer testing is being conducted as we speak and afterwards, they will be out on the training ground doing their practical's.
  - Per discussion at the last board meeting, Anderson's, the transfer station would like EMS and fire protection. Andersons are leasing the land from the railroad and at this time, the railroad does not want to be annexed into the fire district. The contract for Andersons is currently at the attorney's office. We should have a contract to bring to the board next month. It is approximately \$5,000 annually.
- Projects in the works
  - The Firehouse Subs grant was submitted by Captain Gifford last year which was denied. Prior to Captain Gifford leaving this year, he made some updated changes to the grant and re-submitted. He was successful in this attempt, and we will be receiving by the end of November or middle of December, a Polaris Ranger ATV, total value of \$36,783. This will be used for wildland fires and calls where our apparatus can't go.
  - The safer grant was submitted, we are still waiting for the results. The American Rescue Act has placed another \$200 million into this fund; therefore, we may still receive this grant. They are trying to have everyone notified by December. We applied for one firefighter position for this grant.
- Thank-You
  - Walmart and Dollar General donated candy for Halloween.
  - Joyce Baird donated six bags of crochet blankets.
  - Dolores Garcia donated an assortment of fruits for the firefighters.
  - Great American Pizza is holding our annual fund raiser this Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-3pm. There will be a car show and a raffle.
- Anniversaries
  - Chief Cunningham with 27 years
  - Assistant Fire Chief Martin with 27 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 September 2022 Financial Reports.  
(Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of September the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$552,710.25. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$275,148.55. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$42,338.78. Income \$225,923.87; Expenses \$311,183.68.
  - Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve as presented. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of September 2022. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger read the records request for September as follows:  
On 9/7/22, a request from Terry Mickelson for a fire report on Highway 95; no records found.

On 9/22/22 a request from Norman Tallmage for a fire report on Elgin Road was ready on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 14 pages, no charge as he was the property owner.

- No action

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Board approval of quote from Fire Trucks Unlimited for the purchase of two new attack units. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the past couple of years, we have been discussing with the board the state of our apparatus vehicles and last year we had the mechanic discuss the condition of the fleet. We replaced the platform truck first, now we need to replace these two attack units which are utilized the most. The attack units are used 70-75% of our calls and the firefighters are trying to use these vehicles to do their job but they are becoming unreliable. The oldest first line vehicle, the transmission went out and the brush truck has had numerous mechanical issues. One of these vehicles has already been sold and if we purchase these units the other will be surplus. Chief Martin did obtain three bids, the quote you have from Firetrucks Unlimited is \$200,961 for each vehicle. One vendor was unable to match our specifications, the other vendor initially bid \$250,000 then pulled their proposal back and increased it to \$300,000 with an 18-month delivery date. Firetrucks Unlimited has these trucks in stock and can have them delivered approximately the end of the first quarter or beginning of the second quarter of 2023. That puts us at the start of fire season. One truck will be dedicated to wildland and the other will replace the old attack unit from station 12. Clerk DeMaio asked if this is a fully outfitted type 6, pump, tank and everything. Chief Cunningham answered yes, it is a turnkey vehicle. Clerk DeMaio asked how we are paying for these two trucks. Cunningham stated that we have the funds in the capital reserve account to buy one outright and finance the other.
  - Chair Foster motioned to approve the quote from Firetrucks Unlimited for the purchase of two attack units. Clerk DeMaio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Board approval of financing through U.S. Bancorp for the purchase of attack units; approve resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham informed the board that this is what was just discussed, to purchase one of these attack units outright and finance the other vehicle.
  - Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Board approval for seven sets of turnout gear from Municipal Emergency Services (MES); quote exceeds the Chief's spending limit. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated this will complete the second set of turnout gear for all full-time personnel which has been ongoing for the past two years. This is a different company; turnout gear is of the same quality but costs less. They also include an interceptor package with pants and coat. These can be utilized instead of their turnout gear on a motor vehicle accident, so their gear is not ruined from blood, oil, and grease. These also can be used for wildland fires. The overall cost \$22,034.02 is a little more; however, this is taking advantage of the interceptor package. This does not include the price of boots, which we can get cheaper from another vendor.
  - Director Hommel moved to approve. Chair Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9:35 a.m.

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

**Date:** October 26, 2022

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved:

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