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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 a special session on **Wednesday, December 21, 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, Chairperson Sue Foster, Clerk Tony DeMaio, were all present.  
Director Jack Hommel was absent.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4. PRAYER**

- Pastor Mike Willis from The Abundant Grace Fellowship led the board meeting in prayer.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022
- B. Special Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2022
  - Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve both minutes as presented. Director Juneau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

**6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. November 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
  - Chief Cunningham reported for the month of November; there were a total of 225 calls and out of those calls 6 were fires and 152 were medical.
- 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 12 – The garage door was installed last week; however, the garage door will not go down all the way so they will be out today to adjust the door opener.
  - Equipment – Assistant Fire Chief Martin
    - Water Tender 118 is still out of service, it is at Velocity having warranty work done.
    - Brush 126 Ford had the injector pump replaced; the injector pump failed. The mechanics were waiting on parts which have finally arrived.
  - Training
    - Chief Martin reported they had their annual MCI Drill this month at the prison. It was an active shooter training drill with Golden Valley Fire, AMR ambulance and Careflight helicopter

participating; it went well. They learned a great deal from it and there will be another drill next year and hopefully it will get better.

- Chief Cunningham stated the engineer testing was completed last week and Kenyon Martin was promoted to Engineer.
- Meetings Attended
  - Chief Cunningham and Chief Martin attended the quarterly dispatch meeting yesterday to discuss some of the changes that are going to be made, nothing major.
  - Chief Martin also attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in Bullhead City.
  - Chief Cunningham, Chief Martin and some of the personnel attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Interstate Warehouse (cold storage facility) going in South of Griffith. This is the first phase of this project.
- Projects in the works
  - Chief Cunningham stated minimum wage is increasing January 1<sup>st</sup> to \$13.85 per hour. By law, these changes are being made. Chief Cunningham stated we will bring back to the board for review, discussion on a new pay scale. These changes right now affect only our probationary firefighters and part time firefighter EMTs.
  - Chief Cunningham said the Safer Grant was unsuccessful, so we'll try again in the coming year.
- Thank-You
  - Chief Cunningham stated we received the funds of \$4,705 from Great American Pizza for the fundraiser that was held for us. We really appreciate them for doing events for us.
  - Chief Cunningham stated that we would like to thank Abundant Grace Church sewing group for sewing patient blankets. During this time of year, which is exceptionally cold, these blankets will help to keep the patients warm.
  - Chief Cunningham would also like to thank Delores Garcia for delivering Christmas cookies and candy.
- Anniversaries
  - Engineer Brian Abraham five years
  - Engineer Christopher Beckes twelve years
  - Engineer Tony DeAngelo seven years
  - Engineer Patrick Lowry seven years

## 7. 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 November 2022 Financial Reports. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of November the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,388,091.71. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$74,774.29. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$32,847.08. Income \$556,327.15; Expenses \$404,137.67. The expenses are high due to the \$200k down payment that was paid for the new attack units.
  - Director Juneau motioned to approve the November financial reports as presented. Clerk DeMaio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### B. Discussion only: Review attorney invoices. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated the most recent attorney invoice was \$1,732.50. The breakdown is \$832.50 for contracts, \$585.00 for vehicle lease and \$315.00 for Prop 310.
  - No action

### C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Acceptance of insurance renewal offer for Golden Valley Fire District properties from VFIS of Arizona. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated the policy renews on January 1<sup>st</sup>; it has gone up \$557.00 from last year a little over one percent increase, we budgeted for a ten percent increase. We are well within our budget limits. Comptroller Kindelberger stated that there is a recommendation by the insurance agent to increase the crime coverage from \$25,000 to \$100,000 which would only increase the

premium by \$76.00 per year. This coverage is for employee dishonesty. Clerk DeMaio said he would recommend doing the full \$100,000 coverage.

- o Clerk DeMaio motioned to approve the renewal, with the added coverage. Director Juneau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Service agreement with The Andersons, Inc. for EMS and fire protection effective January 1, 2023. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated I brought this to the board in September to discuss a possibility of a service agreement with The Anderson's since the property is owned by the railroad and cannot be annexed into the district. This is the transfer station where they offload fuel from trains to semis. The agreement has already been to the attorney, pending signatures from The Anderson's, the agreement is for \$5,000 a year with a two percent increase each year thereafter. Chief Cunningham stated that if they were annexed into the district, this is what they would be paying. Clerk DeMaio asked if there were any structures out there. Chief Cunningham stated no, this is a temporary setup that they have out there to offload diesel and gas from the train cars to semis.
- o Director Juneau motioned to approve the service agreement with The Andersons, Inc. and authorize the Chief to execute the agreement. Clerk DeMaio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### 8. 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.*

- Citizen George Payntar mentioned to the board that he is still interested in being on the Golden Valley Fire District board.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:25 a.m.

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

**Date:** December 21, 2022

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

Approved: