



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 27, 2023, 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

- Chair Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Director Gary Juneau, Director George Payntar, Chair Sue Foster, Clerk Tony DeMaio, and Director Jack Hommel were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PRAYER

- Pastor Mike Willis from Abundant Grace of Laughlin was unable to attend.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2023.
 - Director Payntar motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. August 2023 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of August there were 258 calls total: 182 medical-related calls and 14 fire-related calls.
- 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 – Chief Martin was unavailable.
 - Equipment – Chief Martin was unavailable.
 - Training
 - Most are trainings have been in-house.
 - Meetings Attended
 - Chief Cunningham attended the Northern Arizona Fire District board meeting regarding the shared positions. Chairman Jim Bailey and Fire Chief Don Dallman are here today to join our discussion.

- Chief Cunningham attended a meeting regarding the JPA, there are eight fire districts confirmed that want to move forward with the feasibility study. They are Bullhead City, Mohave Valley, Desert Hills, Northern Arizona, Golden Shores, Golden Valley, Parker and Buckskin. The last two are in La Paz County. Once each district turns in their paperwork then the study can begin. They say it should take between 75 and 90 days to complete. When we get the feasibility study that would be the best time for Chief Moore to come and speak to the board.
- Thank you to the following companies that donated to our Community Risk Reduction Event coming up on October 7th.
 - Tri-State Ace Hardware for Igloo Cooler, cup holder and Yeti Colster for our raffle.
 - Aquarius Casino Resort for a 2-night stay and dinner for two at either the Aquarius or Edgewater Casino.
 - Nucor Steel for cash donation of \$2,500.
 - Great American Pizza will supply the food for the event.
- Anniversaries
 - Engineer James Childers – 15 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 August 2023 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of August 2023 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$589,790.69. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$202,188.92. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$100,000.53. Revenue \$55,644.94; Expenses \$348,968.99.
 - Director Payntar motioned to approve the August 2023 financial report as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion only: Review records requests for the month of August. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 08/07/23 Barbara Daswin, fire report, ready 8/10/23, collected zero.
 - 08/14/23 Lexis Nexis, fire report, ready 8/14/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/15/23 Metropolitan Reporting, fire report, ready 8/15/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/16/23 Metropolitan Reporting, fire report, ready 8/17/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/17/23 Jimmy Nevarez, fire report, ready 8/17/23, collected zero.
 - 08/23/23 Linda Poe, fire report, ready 8/23/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/29/23 Lexis Nexis, fire report, ready 8/30/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/30/23 Fire Cause Analysis, fire report, ready 8/30/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/30/23 Simon Law Group, fire report, ready 8/30/23, collected \$15.
 - 08/30/23 Phillips Law, Incident report and EMS report, ready 9/5/23, collected \$30.
 - No Action
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Update on IGA with NAFD for shared positions. (Cunningham)
- Chief stated that Chairman Jim Bailey and Chief Don Dallman are here for any questions or discussion. Our saving is approximately \$50k which is equal to what NAFD will also save. This will have no effect on operations except that Chief Dallman will take over as operations chief. If the boards approve this, I will get the attorney to draft an IGA for the next meeting. Clerk DeMaio asked if NAFD will continue to look for a fire chief. Chairman Bailey stated that we are hoping this would be for a few years to give time for the feasibility study so we can get some concrete answers on how the JPA will operate. This is a short-term solution; it will fill positions that NAFD and GVFD need. Director Hommel stated that we need to exercise prudence and patience and see how this feasibility study plays out. As for the IGA, if it is done fairly and equitable I think it will be a good idea. Chief Cunningham thinks that more fire districts should be looking at cost sharing which can lead into a consolidation before jumping into a JPA. Arizona Fire and Medical Authority did not start their JPA with 8 fire districts. This IGA can continue and if one district decides to join the JPA then it will be cancelled. Each shared position will stand on its own and can be carved out if necessary, so if NAFD

is not happy with my services as a fire chief then my position will terminate out of the IGA and not affect the other positions. If the board wants to move forward with the IGA, how do you want the attorney to write the IGA? Do we want to write it for one year and look at it after one year or start with two years. There is always a 30-to-60-day termination option.

- Clerk DeMaio motioned to move forward with the agreement and have legal counsel draft an IGA for board review and possible approval. IGA should be for one year with a two-year contingent. Director Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk DeMaio thanked Chairman Bailey and Chief Dallman for coming to the meeting.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Request from LDS Church for a multi-year contract for PSTC rental. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated that we rented to the church back in 2013-2014, they are interested in using the whole facility on Sundays. They have supplied us with their agreement which we will send to the district attorney for review and any changes he may suggest. The agreement is for 2 years with an option to renew. They are looking for a start date of November 1st.
 - Director Hommel motioned with the provision that the attorney has reviewed the agreement that we approve this. Chair Foster 2nd. Discussion: Clerk DeMaio stated that he worked here when they rented before. I would like to be sure we hold them more accountable for cleaning. They left the classrooms a mess on multiple occasions. Also, to be sure none of their services conflict with anything we are doing here. I felt they were pushy, and we need to have primary use of the facility. The Chief stated that the person we are working with was not involved back then. Director Juneau felt the \$200 cleaning deposit was not enough. The Chief stated that is what is stated on our fee schedule. We can increase that amount. Clerk DeMaio would feel more comfortable with a one-year agreement to start. Director Hommel asked to amend his motion. Clerk Foster receded her 2nd. Director Hommel adds to his motion that the agreement be for one year. Clerk Foster 2nd. Call for the vote: All in favor.

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.*

- None

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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

Date: 09/27/2023

By: _____
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved: