



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 25, 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, and Director Jack Hommel were present. Clerk Tony DeMaio was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PRAYER

- Pastor Mike Willis from Abundant Grace of Laughlin led the board in prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023.

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

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. September 2023 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of September there were 269 calls total: 159 medical-related calls and 10 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
 - Station 13 had a leak in the upstairs shower drain, had to cut into the downstairs ceiling and replace the drain basket.
- Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Attack 135 head gasket blown, heads were fine, truck is back in service.
 - Engine 131 has a leak in the water tank, tank is original to the unit and has a lifetime warranty. The company came out and repaired the leak. While the engine is out of service, we are having the valves rebuilt and the rear axle rubber is being replaced.
- Training

- Chief Martin reported that we had a regional county HazMat training, we did a simulation of a chemical train derailment in Kingman. The Sheriff and Kingman dispatch was involved in a simulation evaluation of the city. It worked out well and a lot was learned.
- Meetings Attended
 - At last month's Mohave County Fire Officers Association, it was agreed that the association would be the conduit between the fire districts and the James Vincent Group for the JPA study. We will pay our portion of the feasibility study to the MCFOA and they will write one check to the James Vincent Group. That feasibility study should take between 75 to 90 days to complete.
 - Regarding the GVFD and Yucca feasibility study, we did receive a draft report and Mindy and I had a meeting yesterday with the James Vincent Group to discuss some items that needed clarification. The final report should be ready for the November meeting.
- Projects in the works
 - NAFD IGA is with the attorney.
 - The church rental contract is with the attorney.
 - We have three companies presenting extrication equipment demos, two of the three have already presented their demos. When done I will bring to the board for possible purchase of new extrication equipment.
 - Chief Martin and I went to Las Vegas to take radios for the new attack units. The chassis are there, the bodies should be arriving soon. It will take between 4 to 5 weeks for the build to be completed once the bodies are delivered. We should get these trucks in late December or early January.
- Thank you
 - The Community Risk Reduction Event was successful. I would like to thank Emergency Vehicle Repair, owner Chris Farrand for donating \$650. I would like to thank all the Car Show participants that attended. All the agencies that participated, our members that did demos for the public. The public that attended. Mostly Tony DeAngelo who did a great job of putting this whole event together.
- Anniversaries
 - Fire Chief Dave Cunningham – 28 years
 - Assistant Fire Chief Dave Martin – 28 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 September 2023 financial reports.

(Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of September 2023 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$479,623.12. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$202,967.56. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$100,000.42. Revenue \$152,644.09; Expenses \$264,909.50.
 - Chairperson Foster motioned to approve the September 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 September. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 09/05/23 Adobe RV Park, fire report, ready 9/5/23, collected \$15.
 - No Action

C. Discussion only: Review of attorney invoice. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated the most recent invoice is for \$337.50 and is all for the IGA with NAFD for shared services.
 - No Action

D. 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)

- Director Juneau motioned to move the November and December meetings to the third Wednesday of each month. Director Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Investigate the purchase of new fire engines and finance options. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham informed the board that we have Michael Todd from Rosenbauer via zoom meeting to discuss the truck options. Delivery time is 2 years for an ordered unit. If we don't order before December 31st the price will increase by 70k each. We are looking to replace Engine 121 which is a 2010 KME. Our maintenance costs for Engine 121 since 2016 have been \$117k. We would surplus this unit. The other unit would be Engine 111, 2006 Spartan. Our maintenance costs since 2016 have been 24k. This unit would be placed in a reserve status. Michael Todd joined the meeting via zoom. Mr. Todd presented to the board an illustration of the Rosenbauer Fire Engine, going over the specs and showed a 360-degree picture. He then talked about pricing and finance options. One engine would be \$868,351 if ordered before December 31st. Due to increases from our vendors the price will increase to \$938,351 after January 1st. Finance terms are normally 7 to 9 years. For a 7-year loan at 5.84% your annual payment would be \$163,725, a 9-year loan would be a \$134,161 annual payment. After January 1st these payments would increase to \$177k for 7 years, and \$145k for 9 years. These terms allow for a 2-year delay on your first payment from the time the loan is signed. You can go up to a 12-year term but then the interest rates increase. Delivery times are between 18 to 24 months from the date of order. You should have your truck before your first payment is due. Michael Todd answered the board's questions then left the meeting. Chief Cunningham informed the board that Desert Hills Fire just purchased one engine, NAFD ordered two engines, Kingman Fire ordered one engine and one ladder truck. There is a Rosenbauer service facility located in Kingman. Board asked about budget. Comptroller Kindelberger stated that we need to be sure our debt does not exceed our tax revenue. If we ordered two engines at 1.7mil. plus we owe 200k on the attack unit and about 60k for the ladder truck. We will still be under our tax revenue, but it will be close. We should have the ladder truck paid off by the end of this fiscal year due to the additional principal payments we have been making. We should be able to pay off the attack unit in the two years before the engine payments will start. These payments plus the savings on maintenance costs can all go toward the engine payments when they start. Director Juneau also pointed out the tax revenue should be coming in from these projects out by the I-40 by then. Director Hommel asked what the deadline is to make a decision, Chief answered, by the end of the year.

- Director Hommel motioned that the Chief is allowed to proceed as he as outlined. Chairperson Foster 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise policy Article 58.8.1(c) to change annual review from annually in December to anniversary of the employees hire date. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated we currently do our annual reviews on the anniversary of the employees hire dates. We are just correcting the policy book.
- Director Juneau motioned to revise Article 58 as presented. Director Hommel 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Comptroller Kindelberger asked to speak again regarding item 7E. I feel the motion was too vague and did not clarify if the board was approving the purchase and financing of one or two fire engines. Director Hommel asked if he should take back his motion. Kindelberger stated that we can have more than one motion per item if he would make another motion that is more detailed.

- Director Hommel motioned to proceed with the purchase prices and timelines for the purchase of two fire engines before December 31st. Chairperson Foster 2nd. 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.*

- None

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:07 a.m.

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

Date: 10/25/2023

By: _____
Board Clerk, Tony DeMaio

Approved:

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