



# 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, November 15, 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, Chair Sue Foster, and Clerk Tony DeMaio were present. Director George Payntar and Director Jack Hommel were absent.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 4. PRAYER

- Pastor Mike Willis from Abundant Grace of Laughlin was unavailable for the meeting.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023.

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

#### 6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. October 2023 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of October there were 258 calls total: 152 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)*

- Pinning Ceremony for FF Trey Fitzsimmons
  - Chief Cunningham stated that we have a new firefighter, Trey Fitzsimmons. The Chief administered the oath of office and Trey Fitzsimmons was pinned by his finance, Breanna Briggs.
- District properties – Chief Martin
  - Nothing to report.
- Equipment – Chief Martin
  - Water Tender 118 replaced brake pod.
  - Engine 131, our mechanic removed the tank, it was repaired under warranty, the tank was reinstalled. The rear axles control arms were replaced, and all the valves were rebuilt. The truck will be back in service today.

- Utility Truck 119, transfer case blew up, that truck has 200k miles, our mechanic is looking into a used transfer case for \$600. A rebuild transfer case would cost over \$4,000. Clerk DeMaio asked the age of the vehicle, Martin stated it was a 2008 Ford.
- Training
  - Nothing to report.
- Meetings Attended
  - Nothing to report.
- Projects in the works
  - Auditors will be here tomorrow and Friday to do our annual audit.
- Thank you
  - Another donation came in for our Community Risk Reduction Event from Anderson Toyota for \$500.
- Anniversaries
  - Firefighter Sean Arnold – 8 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 October 2023 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of October 2023 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$948,852.61. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$203,558.29. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$100,000.72. Revenue \$799,281.63; Expenses \$324,968.05.
    - Chairperson Foster motioned to approve the October 2023 financial report as presented. Clerk DeMaio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion only: Review records requests for the month of September. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
    - 10/03/23 JS Held LLS, fire report, ready 10/03/23, collected \$15.
    - 10/03/23 Metropolitan Reporting, fire report, ready 10/03/23, collected \$15.
    - 10/04/23 Catherine Vanater, fire report, ready 10/04/23, no charge.
    - 10/04/23 Thorpe Shwer, P.C., fire report, ready 10/04/23, collected \$15.
    - 10/10/23 MWD Documents, fire report, ready 10/10/23, collected \$15.
    - 10/18/23 Carole Webster, fire report, ready 11/06/23, no charge.
    - 10/25/23 Lexis Nexis, fire report, ready 11/06/23, collected \$15.
    - 10/31/23 Tracie Burke, fire report, ready 11/08/23, no charge.
    - No Action
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review of draft feasibility study regarding merger with Yucca Fire District. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham was in discussions with legal counsel regarding the feasibility study. The attorney indicated that he would like to discuss with the board in executive session.
    - Chairperson Foster moved to enter executive session on this matter to get legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and §38-431.03(A)(4) to direct legal counsel. Clerk DeMaio 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

The executive session began at approximately 9:15 a.m.

The public session reconvened at approximately 10:05 a.m.

- Chief Cunningham asked if the board has any questions. Clerk DeMaio stated that he reviewed the study, and he is familiar with the James Vincent Group when he worked at Lake Mohave Rancho Fire District. I have a lot of respect for the group, but I personally felt the report had a lot of fluff, it should have been more pointed to what we are doing, why we are doing it and how we are doing it. Foster felt the information obtained from the attorney was very informative, which was not in the report.

- Clerk DeMaio motioned that staff gather and provide and be ready to have information at the ready the specific details regarding the potential consolidation with Yucca Fire District as far as cost analysis, benefits, and deficits in dollar amount as discussed in executive session. Chairperson Foster 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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:** 11/15/2023

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

Approved: