



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, January 24, 2024, 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 public will have physical access to the meeting place at 8:45 a.m. 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 Pro-tem Juneau called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Director George Payntar, Director Gary Juneau and Jack Hommel were present. Chairman Tony DeMaio and Clerk Sue Foster 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 December 20, 2023
- B. Executive Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023
 - Director Hommel moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. December 2023 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of December there were 246 calls total: 165 EMS and rescue calls and 6 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 11 Garbage disposal leaking.
 - Station 12 Refrigerator stopped working.
 - Station 13 Microwave stopped working.
 - Training Center, toilet needs to be replaced.
 - Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Engine 121 the turbo went out, was replaced.
 - Rescue 11 on board charger would smoke when plugged in, that was replaced.
 - Battalion 102 fuel and coolant leak was repaired.

- Battalion 1 output bearing on the transmission was replaced.
- Engine 131 recirculation hose came out of the tank, was repaired.
- Engine 121 fuel pump shut off solenoid, this has failed three times, replaced with a manual shutoff.
- Attack 115 headlight wiring issue.
- Training
 - On going in-house training
 - AFDA conference in Laughlin was attended by Jack Hommel, Sue Foster and Mindy Kindelberger.
- Meetings Attended
 - Will attend the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting tomorrow.
- Projects in the works
 - Working on the JPA.
 - Working on the Yucca consolidation paperwork to send to the attorney.
 - Working on the IGA with NAFD for shared services. NAFD's board did accept it but wants to wait for the IGA for the fire chiefs service so they can approve them at the same time.
- Anniversaries
 - Firefighter Jemery Celsi – 5 years
 - Battalion Chief Boyd Lewis – 21 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 December 2023 financial reports.

(Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of December 2023 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,457,859.38. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$204,865.31. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$99,810.40. Revenue \$327,364.38; Expenses \$242,804.47.
 - Chair Pro-tem Juneau motioned to approve December 2023 financial reports as presented. Director George Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise pay scale for paid on call (POC), change title of captain to battalion chief. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated that the reason for the title change is to be in line with all the districts around us. Just a title change, no change in hourly rates. Regarding the POC's rates we are trying to stay in line with the districts around us. We have had a hard time getting POC's to work for GVFD because they can get \$3.00 more per hour elsewhere. We also added some positions for single certifications like EMT or Paramedic. Sometimes we just need a paramedic. The proposed rates are FF or EMT only at 16.00, Paramedic at 17.00, FF/EMT at 17.50 and FF/paramedic at 21.00.
 - Chair Pro-tem Juneau moved to revise the pay scale effective January 30, 2024. Director George Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise policy article 63 Holidays; add two holidays to match the Arizona Department of Administration holiday schedule. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated that all the fire districts in our area and the City of Kingman follow the Arizona state holiday schedule. As we move forward with IGA's and JPA's with surrounding departments we want to match. The two holidays are Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Columbus Day.
 - Director Hommel motioned to approve as presented. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Capital purchase of extraction equipment from L.N. Curtis in the amount of \$65,117.18 to be funded from the capital reserve account. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham informed the board that three companies were scheduled to demo extraction equipment, one did not show up and out of the other two the firefighters liked this equipment best and it was the cheaper of the two. This equipment has technology that tells the operator the health of the tool. This will eliminate the need for our current maintenance contract, which is expensive. We have looked at electric tools in the past, but the battery life was an issue. Technology has advanced and battery life has been improved. These tools are a lot lighter than our current tools. This purchase is for two sets, we will try to get a grant for the third set or reach out for donations.
 - Chair Pro-tem Juneau motioned to approve the purchase of the extraction equipment in the amount of \$65,117.18 from the capital reserve account. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Move budget funds from account 937.00 Station Improvements to account 932.00 Equipment Fire in the amount of \$10,000 for purchase of extraction equipment. (Administration)
 - Comptroller Kindelberger stated that with this purchase the budget line 932.00 will show overspent so we would like to move funds from account 937.00 that we will not be spending this budget year.
 - Chair Pro-tem Juneau motioned to move funds of \$10,000 from account 937.00 to account 932.00. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Review changes by Northern Arizona Fire District to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for shared services; approval to sign. (Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated that NAFD's admin noticed some minor errors, those errors were fixed. Nothing major has changed.
 - Chair Pro-tem Juneau moved to authorize the chairman and the clerk to sign the IGA for shared services with NAFD with the noted changes. Director Hommel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Northern Arizona Fire District for fire chief shared services; approval of resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated that staff did not get the IGA document from our legal counsel in time for the meeting. The board should take no action on this item.
 - No Action

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.*

- Gilbert Smaby introduced himself to the board. I have worked for the Mohave County Development Services Department in the billing department for 13 years, I've been the chief billing officer for the last five years. I have 35 years in public safety as a fire prevention officer and did some wildland firefighting. I am running for the Board of Supervisors as your current supervisor Jean Bishop will be retiring this year. I have attended different board meetings, to see how these agencies work. I attended the Oatman Fire board meeting last night. It's good to visit these different districts.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Pro-tem Juneau adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:27 a.m.