



# 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, February 28, 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 Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

- Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2024
- Special Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2024
  - Director Juneau moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motioned carried.

#### 6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- January 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
  - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of January there were 258 calls total: 168 EMS and rescue calls and 10 fire-related calls.
- 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
    - PSTC – Purchased new toilet, still needs installed.
  - Equipment – Chief Martin
    - Engine 121: DPF filter is plugging up, \$2500 to replace filter, not including labor.
    - Attack 115: Oil leaks. Valve covers and front rear main are all leaking. Estimate for repair is \$1,500.
    - C-102 New tires from Goodyear at no charge. This is a trial of a new brand tire, we have to have the tires inspected at every rotation.
  - Training

- On going in-house training
- One of our engineers applying to National Fire Academy
- Meetings Attended
  - Mohave County Fire Officers meeting last week, talked mainly about the JPA.
- Projects in the works
  - JPA, additional financial documents were sent.
  - Yucca consolidation, attorneys are working on the letters for the public hearing.
  - IGA with NAFD for shared services. IGA is approved and in place, but in the coming months their attorney may submit several small addendums.
- Anniversaries
  - None

**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 January 2024 financial reports. (Administration)
  - Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of January 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,352,015.63. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$205,406.13. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$61,884.74. Revenue \$190,415.91; Expenses \$285,463.77.
    - Director Hommel motioned to approve as presented. Director Juneau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Discussion only: Review of attorney invoices. (Administration)
  - Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the bill was for \$6,730.00, covering HR issues, Yucca consolidation, contract with church, purchase of fire engines, IGA with NAFD.
    - No Action
- C. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of January. (Administration)
  - Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
    - 01/04/24 Farm Bureau, fire report, ready 01/07/24, collected \$15.00.
    - 01/10/24 Cynthia Lee, fire report, ready 01/10/24, no charge.
    - 01/11/24 Law Tigers, billing records, no such records, referred to AMR.
    - 01/15/24 Rebecca Helman, fire report, ready 01/15/24, collected \$15.00.
    - No Action
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Consideration of boundary change request from Joseph and Veronica Boyle and possible signature of resolution to amend the district's boundary. (Cunningham)
  - Chief Cunningham stated that these residents are currently contracted with us through service agreement who now want to annex into the district. All paperwork is attached for reference. Clerk Foster asked if this is south of Shinarump. Chief Cunningham replied yes and further explained that just because a property is in our response area does not make it in our Fire District, the property owners have to opt in voluntarily.
    - Director Juneau motioned to approve the boundary change for Joseph and Veronica Boyle and approve the resolution. Director Hommel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Move budget funds from account 935.00 Vehicles to 950.00 Debt Service for lease purchase payments in the amount of \$179,139.43. (Administration)
  - Comptroller Kindelberger stated that, per our auditor, we need to separate each of our three loans—ladder truck, attack unit, and fire engines—out into their own accounts. Each loan needs two lines: one for principal, and one for interest. We have the money in the budget, we just need to reallocate it.
    - Director Hommel motioned to move to approve as presented. Director Juneau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Possible addendum to the IGA for Shared Services with NAFD. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that NAFD's attorney indicated that she wanted to change some minor items. To date we have not received any documents. NAFD's board did approve the IGA as written. We may see some changes in the future.
    - 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.*

- Marianne Salem introduced herself to the board. She is running for District 4 Supervisor. She wanted to see the fire districts concerns and came today to listen. She wanted to thank the board for volunteering their time to sit on the fire board. She and her husband own a business in Golden Valley: CBS.
- SueAnn Mello the County Treasurer also introduced herself to the board.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- Chair Pro-tem Foster adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:19 a.m.

**MINUTES prepared by:** Emily Byrne/Mindy Kindelberger  
(This is a working draft until board approval)

**Date:** 02/28/2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Foster, Board Clerk