



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, March 27, 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

- Chairman DeMaio called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Clerk Sue Foster, Chairman Tony DeMaio, Director George Payntar, Director Gary Juneau were present. Director Jack Hommel 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 February 28, 2024

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

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. February 2024 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of February there were 209 calls total: 142 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 13 – Clothes dryer motor burned out.
- Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Engine 112: Replaced transmission keypad.
 - Attack 135: Most oil leaks have been fixed. The cab will have to be lifted up to get to the rest of the oil leaks. Will do next budget year.
 - Engine 121: Will take out of service next week to remove the DPF filter and send out for cleaning.
 - Our two new attack units will be ready by the end of April. They will send us a quote for the graphics.

- Training

- On going in-house training
- Wildland training in Pinon Pine area today.
- Two of our firefighters are applying to the National Fire Academy in Maryland.
- Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Fire Officers meeting tomorrow, the study for the JPA should be coming out soon.
 - Our monthly meeting with AMR is scheduled for tomorrow.
 - Yucca Fire Board meet last Monday, they approved the public hearing for the consolidation for May 20th at 8 am.
 - Attended the Northern Arizona Fire District board meeting. Also met with each Battalion Chief separately. Next, I will be meeting with each shift. Also, met with some citizens in the Valley Vista area. Assistant Chief Dallman and Fire Marshal Martin have been meeting and getting familiar with each other's district. Assistant Chief Dallman will start attending our board meetings. I am optimistic that the shared services will work well for both districts.
- Projects in the works
 - Yucca consolidation will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Thank you
 - Thank you to Pastor Mike Willis for being here today.
 - MacKenzie Morris sent the district a nice thank you letter to our firefighters.
- 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 February 2024 financial reports.

(Administration)

- Admin Assistant Emily Byrne noted for the month of February 2024 the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$1,298,017.82. Capital reserve account at Wells Fargo Bank was \$206,497.50. Payroll account at National Bank of Arizona ending register balance \$52,755.35. Revenue \$238,536.16; Expenses \$383,290.63.
 - Director Payntar motioned to approve as presented. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discussion only: Review records request for the month of February. (Administration)

- Admin Assistant Emily Byrne Comptroller Kindelberger read the following:
 - 02/01/24 Donald Hall, fire report, ready 02/07/24, no charge.
 - 02/05/24 Richard Ward Jr., incident report, ready 02/05/24, did not pick up.
 - 02/08/24 Farmers Ins., fire report, ready 02/12/24, collected \$15.00.
 - 02/20/24 LexisNexus, fire report, ready 02/29/24, collected \$15.00.
 - 02/21/24 DocuTrak, all records for Bailey Mueller, ready 03/18/24, billed \$30.00.
 - 02/26/24 DocuTrak, all records for Tristan Mueller, no records found.
 - No Action

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Scheduling a date, time, and place for a public hearing, and the related required notices, to determine whether the proposed consolidation of Yucca Fire District and Golden Valley Fire District would be in the best interest of the District and would promote the public safety, health, comfort, convenience, necessity of welfare. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated that Yucca Fire District Board set their hearing for May 20th. We felt that it would be best to have two separate hearings. Our regular scheduled meeting in May is on the 22nd. That would put the two hearing within two days of each other. Once the date is set, staff can start sending out letters to the property owners. Staff have been working with a vendor for the mailings. The timeframe for preparing and mailing the letters will be about 20 days, which will fall in line with the 30-day notice requirement. We are hoping to get this completed before the next fiscal year budget, that is the goal. Depending on the comments from the public at the public

hearing then each board will make their decisions to consolidate. If the vote is unanimous by both boards, then the next step is a resolution to put it in place. If it is not unanimous then it will go to the public for a vote. We would like to avoid that if possible due to the cost. Right now, we need a hearing date, and the staff is recommending May 22nd. Chairman DeMaio noted that he has a scheduling conflict with May 22nd, but I do not want to hold up the meeting. I will see if I can work out my schedule conflict or maybe I can do a phone or zoom meeting. Clerk Foster asked how long the meeting will take. DeMaio replied that it will depend on the public and their comments. Chief Cunningham noted that the attorney should be present for this meeting. Does the board want legal council in person or via zoom. Chairman DeMaio recommended that legal counsel be here in person.

- Chairman DeMaio motioned to schedule to public hearing on the same day as our regular board meeting, May 22, 2024. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of quote from Data Axle for mailing notices for the public hearing regarding the consolidation; amount exceeds fire chief's \$5k spending limit.

(Administration)

- Chairman DeMaio stated that we have a quote for mailing from Data Axle for \$14,927.24 for 15k mailers. Just under a dollar a mailer seems reasonable.
 - Director Juneau motioned to accept the quote from Data Axle for \$14,927.24 plus applicable shipping and sales tax. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. 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

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:27 a.m.

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

Date: 04/01/2024

By: _____ Approved:
Sue Foster, Board Clerk