



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 26, 2025, 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 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Director Butch Meriwether, Clerk Sue Foster, Chairman Tony DeMaio, Director George Payntar were present. Director Gary Juneau joined the meeting at 9:04am.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2025
 - Director Foster moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. January 2025 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of January there were 283 total calls: 196 EMS and rescue 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 HVAC was replaced that was previously approved by board
 - Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Engine 131 is out of service, EVR is still working on it
 - Water Tender 128 water compressor was rebuilt and is back in service
 - The 2 new attacks intake boots did not have the proper clamps on them, our mechanic fixed them, and the manufacture was notified
 - Training – Chief Dallman
 - 94 hours of training for the month
 - Meetings Attended
 - Mohave County Officers no meeting in December
 - Regional EMS meeting; local meeting with NAFD, GVFD and Kingman fire chiefs
 - Met with AMR, Adoshi, and command staff meetings
 - Projects in the works

- Admin is getting ready for the budget
- Thank you
 - Chief Cunningham would like to thank Walmart for their donation of 2 pallets of water; 2,800 bottles. Walmart has been generous to us and has donated every year.

6. 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: Request from K9 Paws Behavior Dog Training for waiver of reduction of PSTC rental fees for their rental request (Administration)

- Admin. Assistant Sakusky informed the board that we have a request for a waiver or reduction of fees, they would like to rent the classroom April 14th-18th for 5 hours per day. Marsha Durfee is here to speak to the board. Marsha advised the board about the organization, and they have 13 students coming in from all over to participate and become certified trainers; the class is set for high standards which involve law enforcement and pet; they are pet side doing private sector work where we can be contracted by families, fire departments, etc. K9 Paws is currently working on a therapy dog program with GVFD being spearheaded by Jimmy Childers. Don Gibson spoke to the board about his dog, and the classes; and the benefits of Zeyna getting certified. Engineer Jimmy Childers spoke to the board about his work with Marsha on the therapy dog program for GVFD they have provided training free of charge, no cost to the department, and this is fantastic for the department for their mental health. Kym Bayouk wanted to address the board about her dog and the therapy program. Clerk Foster stated that her dog went to Marsha's therapy training and sees how beneficial it is to the area. Director Meriwether asked how much they are charging for this event in April. Marsha stated \$395 due to having to cover the expenses of the American Society K9 Trainers International president. The board continued discussion on the cost and rates.
 - Director Payntar motioned to charge the non-profit rate of \$481.25 for the use of the facility for the week of April 14-18. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of January 2025 Financial reports. (Administration)

- Admin. Assistant Sakusky noted for the month of January the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$2,121,184.58; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$39,934.30; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$221,645.71. Revenue \$356,032.90 and Expenses \$439,712.15. She stated that the expenses went up due to having three payrolls in January.
 - Director Payntar motioned to approve the January 2025 financial records as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. 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 9:24 a.m.

(This is a working draft until board approval)

By: _____ Approved:
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

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