



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, May 28, 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 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Chairman Tony DeMaio, Clerk Sue Foster, Director George Payntar, and Director Gary Juneau were present. Director Butch Meriwether is absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2025

- Clerk Foster moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. April 2025 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated for the month of April there were 241 total calls: 169 EMS and rescue calls and 11 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
 - Properties are currently good
- Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Battalion 1 – headlights were replaced
 - Engine 176 batteries were replaced

- Attack 135 transmission went out and per the mechanic it will cost \$13,738 to repair
- Command 102 front axle was replaced
- Attack 125 is currently on deployment in Southern Arizona
- Meetings attended – Chief Martin
 - AMR, Mohave County Fire Chiefs, & LEPC meetings
- Training – Chief Dallman
 - Engineer Testing which resulted in the promotion of one person
 - 362 hours of training for this month
 - VFIS drills, EVOG training, & Adashi training
- Projects in the works – Chief Cunningham
 - Budget is complete and would like to get with the board members to go over budget within the next week or so
- Anniversaries – Chief Cunningham
 - Firefighter Joseph McKinney - 5 years
 - Battalion Chief Robert Arnold – 15 years
 - Engineer Scott Proudfoot – 16 years
- Notice of a Burn Ban was made by Chief Martin until further notice; effects all of Mohave County; hear or see fireworks must contact the Sheriff's department and they will give citations with a fine up to \$750.
 - No fireworks, No burn permits, No burning of any sort until further notice
 - Only liquid propane, charcoal, or approved UL stove.

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: Approval of April 2025 Financial reports.

(Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of April the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$2,163,430.70; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$33,069.43; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$224,385.14. Revenue \$722,730.57 and Expenses \$344,921.24.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the April 2025 financial records as presented. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between GVFD and City of Kingman for dispatch services; approval of resolution regarding same. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham confirmed that the City of Kingman added Chloride calls to the previous agreement and corrected the agreement to which reflects a 37% increase instead of a 40% increase; amount is \$117,231 for two years.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the IGA between GVFD and City of Kingman for dispatch services and approve the resolution regarding the same. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Discussion and possible action regarding: Approve the Pension Funding Policy per A.R.S §16-225(c). (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger reported that as of June 30, 2024, our Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding increased to 83.2% from 82.4%. Tier 3 is fully funded at 107.9%. Our pension plan with PSPRS is underfunded and we are currently on a 20-year amortization to bring the pension account to 100% funded. The goal is to be fully funded by 2036; we are headed in the right direction.

- Clerk Foster motioned to approve the Pension Funding Policy.

Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise the Golden Valley Fire District fee schedule per A.R.S. §48-805(B)(14); approval of resolution regarding same (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham went over the fee schedule with the board; most changes have to do with construction, inspection, and being more in line with the surrounding entities in Mohave County.
- Director Payntar motioned to approve the fee schedule and approve the resolution regarding the same. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Authorize credit card from National Bank of Arizona to Engineer Brian Abraham. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger updated the board that Engineer Brian Abraham is our newest engine boss for Wildland Deployments and will need a credit card for deployments. Typically, the credit card limit would be requested to be set at \$10,000 (*ten thousand dollars*) to cover the costs while out on deployments.
- Director Juneau motioned to approve the request to authorize a credit card from National Bank of Arizona to Engineer Brian Abraham in the amount of \$10,000 (*ten thousand dollars*) for Wildland Deployments. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

7. 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.*

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:21 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by: Tonia Sakusky
(This is a working draft until board approval)

Date: 05/28/2025

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved: