



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 28, 2026, 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 Gary Juneau and Director George Payntar were present. Director Butch Meriwether was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2025
- B. Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2025
 - Clerk Foster motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. December 2025 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)
 - Chief Cunningham stated for the month of December there were 236 total calls: 157 EMS and rescue calls and 3 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)*
 - Properties – Chief Martin
 - All stations and administrative office have new computers due to Windows needed to be updated and pcs were not compatible; 13 computers in total.
 - Equipment – Chief Martin

- Attack 131 is out of service
- Truck 134 is out of service
- Battalion 1 has headlight issue, no wiring or power to right side
- Attack 135 will be discussed later, Chris from EVR is here.
- Training – Chief Cunningham
 - Training on cardiac monitors
- Meetings
 - Mohave County Officers Meeting, Prehospital Care Committee and WFMA
- Projects in the works – Chief Martin
 - The pipe for the tower has been purchased for the tower to run cable through it; waiting for Golden Valley Cable owner to come out and cut the concrete.
- Thank you received from a plaque from Mohave Sportman’s Club. We did a standby for three days while they did the shoot, they requested us, and they were very grateful and bought us a plaque. Also, Dolores Garcia, she dropped off a Christmas card and food for the guys which was greatly appreciated.
- Anniversaries – Chief Cunningham
 - Battalion Chief Boyd Lewis – 23 years
 - Engineer Jeremy Celsi – 7 years
 - Firefighter Ethan Martin – 1 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.*

At this time, Chairman DeMaio moved up Agenda Item H ahead of Agenda Item A per request of Chief Martin.

H. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of estimate from Emergency Vehicle Repair LLC to replace engine in Attack 135. (Martin)

- Chief Martin introduced EVR owner, Chris Farrand, to explain what he found regarding Attack 135. Thought there was a turbo issue, took out for a test drive brought back to shop and found excessive metal in the oil filter etc., the engine is completely full of metal. Recommends a complete new engine; Chief Martin provided the estimate to the board for a complete running engine which led to a brief conversation.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve the repair and estimate from Emergency Vehicle Repair in the amount of \$29,736.771. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Acceptance of letter of resignation letter from Director Payntar from the governing board. (DeMaio)

- Chairman stated that Director Payntar has submitted his resignation letter effective March 1, 2026 due to personal reasons, we are sad to see him go.
 - Clerk Foster motioned the governing board accept Director Payntar’s letter of resignation. Chairman DeMaio 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Director Payntar stated he was sorry to leave and thanked everyone for the support, will miss everyone greatly. Chairman DeMaio told Director Payntar we will miss him.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Due to the unexpected death of Director Meriwether fill open position on the governing board. (DeMaio)
- Chairman DeMaio directed staff to make all the proper notifications and proper publications to announce the two openings on the board for around 30 days, start as soon as possible to have applications for the next meeting. Chairman DeMaio is very saddened to hear about the passing of Director Meriwether; his family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of December 2025 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of December that the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$1,535,170.85; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$58,383.80; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$637,344.20. Revenue \$681,779.38 and Expenses \$824,734.06. Reason for expenses so high is due to the purchase of medical equipment for a capital purchase of Lucas devices and monitors in the amount of \$371,000.
 - Clerk Foster motioned to approve the December 2025 financial reports as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Consideration of boundary change from Wayne and Cynthia Huntley and possible signature of resolution to amend the district's boundary. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated to the board that this is another property owner in Yucca that want to come into our district.
 - Director Juneau motioned to approve the boundary change from Wayne and Cynthia Huntley and approve the resolution. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Consideration of boundary change from Karen Putt and possible signature of resolution to amend the district's boundary. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated this is another property owner wanting to come into the district. Property is located in the Yucca area.
 - Director Juneau motioned to approve the boundary change from Karen Putt and approve the resolution. Director Payntar 2nd the motion All in favor, motion carried unanimously
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Letter of authorization for Community Development Block Grant authorizing the application and agree to carry out the proposal if funded, also give Chief Martin and Chief Cunningham authorization to act on behalf of the governing board. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham told the board that Chief Martin is applying for a \$135,000 grant for a generator for the PSTC. We received two of these grants in the past for apparatus. Application must be submitted by February 2, 2026.
 - Director Juneau motioned to authorize the letter and application for the Community Development Block Grant and authorize Chief Cunningham and Chief Martin to act on behalf of the governing board. Director Payntar 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Revise Policy Article 23.25 Standard of Conduct. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated to the board that there was an employee that challenged this policy, this policy was written very vague. There was a brief discussion on the matter. The attorney provided the changes for article 23.25 that should clear things up in the future; proof of current certification must always be available while on duty.
 - Director Juneau motioned to revise policy article 23.25 Standard of Conduct. 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.*

- None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Chairman DeMaio adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:33 a.m.

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

Date: 01/28/2026

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved: