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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, April 22, 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 Tony DeMaio called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Director Pamela Perata, Clerk Sue Foster and Chairman Tony DeMaio were present, Director Gary Juneau was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2026

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

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. March 2026 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham reported that there was a total of 258 calls; 16 fire and 158 EMS/rescue. Chairman DeMaio stated that he had an opportunity to see our crews on a fire, first due. They did a spectacular job, the fire was being pushed by the winds and it was extremely hot and moving fast. Our crews got a quick knockdown on the fire and I was extremely impressed. So, I want to give a thanks to the crews that were on that fire.

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
 - Station 13 and PSTC Ice machines are now back in service.

- Station 16 – We are painting the three bunk rooms and hallways, should be completed this week. Then new carpet will be installed. Chief Cunningham added that two offices have been cleared out to become bunk rooms. We are moving forward with River Medical being staffed at station 16, they will take the larger bunk room.
- Equipment – Chief Martin
 - Water Tender 168 had a blown tire returning from a call, it needed to be replaced.
 - Command 102 got two new tires.
 - Attack 135 had a clutch fan go out. During the repair it was discovered that the radiator was partially clogged, needed a new radiator.
 - Engine 131 pump needs repacking.
 - New attack unit was supposed to be ready today, but we will now be picking it up next Friday. It will be at the next board meeting so the board can see it. It will go into service at station 13, the attack truck at 13 will go to station 16 and the red truck will go to station 17.
 - Tower at PSTC, pipe is installed up to the roof so we can start wiring antennas and microwaves. Concrete should be poured next week. The County Road Department is going to donate back top to fill the ditch.
 - We are still working on the tower at IWI, agreements are with the attorneys.
- Training – Chief Cunningham
 - March training hours were 146.
- Projects in the works – Chief Cunningham
 - Budget is almost complete and will be brought to the board next meeting. I will meet with board members, two at a time to review the budget.
- Anniversaries
 - Engineer Luke Weber 21 years, Firefighter Casey Windham 3 years, Firefighter Bradley Thornton 2 years.

Note: Chairman DeMaio announced that we have applicants here for the open board seat and we also have people present to discuss public business. I'm going move agenda items up for the people that have public business to address, then do the interviews for the board seat.

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: Possible revision of Embark Truck Driving School rental agreement. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham informed that board that things have changed since yesterday. We have had some late payments from Embark, but as of yesterday they have paid in full. The last three months the payments have been late. Our agreements do not have a late payment fee. Also, we need to have a clause that if they are late again that we can cancel the contract immediately without a 30-day notice. Comptroller Kindelberger added that staff can draft an addendum to the agreement, currently the agreement is month to month. We bill them on the 1st of the month for \$2,500 due within 15 days. The current agreement has a 30-day notice to cancel for both parties.
 - Chairman DeMaio motioned charge a \$500 late fee for every month they are late. Also, if they are more than 15 days late, they will cease operations. We will lock them out of our premises until they pay. Then we will have a 30-day end of contract and they will be off our premises. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried

unanimously. Comptroller Kindelberger informed the board that if the owner of Embark Truck Driving School does not sign the addendum staff will bring this back to the board.

F. Discussion and possible action regarding: Possible rental agreement with Golden Valley Christian Academy. (Administration)

- Jamie Shelton the Athlete Director and CFO for Roadrunner Sports and Kayla Artz, second grade teacher and volleyball coach both addressed the board. Roadrunner Sports is new to Golden Valley with the goal to bring sports to the Valley. We are a non-profit organization under the umbrella of Golden Valley Christian Academy. All our students are on ESA grants; these state grants allow school choice. We are asking to use the gym for practices for volleyball and basketball. This will make us eligible for tournaments and eliminate 90 minutes of travel time, cutting our travel costs and allow for more practice time. We are hoping to hold home games, being local would allow family easier access to attend. We are asking the board to donate the gym or reduce the rental cost. We do have plans for a high school and gym so this would be temporary until our facility is built.

Also present to speak to the board was four students, each read a prepared statement to the board.

Chairman DeMaio stated that we would like to help our community any way we can. I am speaking for myself not for the board. We have a fee schedule with a non-profit rate which is already reduced. If we start reducing our fees then everyone will want a reduction.

There is a lot going on at the training center, training, classes, board meeting but, I would like for you to be here to practice and play your games. Chairman raised some concerns regarding, short notice cancellations, no bleachers, damages to our facility, shower use, kitchen use. Kayla and Jamie replied that they will not be using the kitchen or showers, we have already held a game here and guest used the chairs or stood. Our practices will be set so there should be very limited cancellations. We have proper insurance to cover any damages. Chairman asked the Chief if he has any concerns. Chief Cunningham stated that as long as the usage is 4pm or later it will not interfere with the firefighters training.

Embark does not use the parking lot that late.

Chairman DeMaio stated that this is a lot to process, I would refer this to admin to work with GVCA on an agreement and then bring it back to the board. Comptroller Kindelberger stated that billing each day on an hourly rate could be cumbersome for staff, verifying that the practice happened and how many hours they were there. Staff would recommend to the board, maybe a monthly rate or even a season rate, since they are not using it in the summer. Chairman DeMaio directed staff to bring multiple options for the board to review at the next meeting.

- No Action

Chairman recessed the meeting for a five-minute break. Recessed at 9:51, reconvened at 9:56.

6. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board of Directors may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for personnel matters; consideration of and interviews with persons interested in filling the vacant seat on the Golden Valley Fire District Board of Directors.
- Chairman DeMaio motioned to enter executive session. Clerk Foster 2nd, all in favor, carried unanimously.

The executive session began at approximately 9:58 am.

The public session reconvened at approximately 11:12 am.

7. BUSINESS. *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present it to the Board Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Appointment to the Golden Valley Fire District Board of Directors to take effect immediately with a term ending on November 30, 2026; approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)
- Chairman DeMaio stated that every applicant could take a seat on this board, and be a very good board member. This is an extremely difficult decision we need to make today. I wish I could choose each and every one of you. But we can only choose one today, this position will end on December 1st so you will have to run in the next election. I am impressed that we had five applicants.
 - Clerk Foster motioned the Governing Board to appoint Connie Allen as interim board member effective immediately with a term ending on November 30, 2026 and approve the resolution. Director Perata 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of March 2026 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of March that the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$1,022,613.37; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$24,354.23; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$644,387.25. Revenue \$121,350.64 and Expenses \$320,778.03.
 - Director Perata motioned to approve the March 2026 financial reports as presented. Clerk Foster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion only: Review attorney invoice. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated the most recent invoice from the district attorney is for \$2,907.00. Breakdown is \$399.00 for review of IGA, \$2,080.50 review contract for tower at IWI, \$427.50 for HR issues.
 - No Action
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding: Call to Election per A.R.S. §16-225(C); approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that there will be two vacancies for this election. The election will be on November 3, 2026. You must live in the district and be a registered voter. Candidates can pickup packets at the admin office. Candidates can file petitions for these positions starting on June 8th and ending on July 6th. Number of signatures needed is 45. Last day to register to vote is October 5, 2026.

- Chairman DeMaio motioned to approve as presented. Director Perata 2nd, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of Mohave County IGA for Election Services; approval of resolution regarding same. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger informed the board that this is a new IGA with the county. We have always paid fees for the election based on the county fee schedule. Now the county wants to put an IGA in place for these services. Our attorney has already reviewed and his comments are listed on the document. He made one revision request, to add a signature line for our attorney. He is recommending the fee schedule should be present for the board to review. I reached out to the county for a copy and did not get a reply yet. Chairman DeMaio asked if we have time to approve this at the May meeting. Comptroller replied yes, I made the revision request and have not received a revised IGA yet.

- 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.*

- None

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman DeMaio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Foster 2nd, all in favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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

Date: 04/22/2026

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved: