



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, June 24, 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

- Chairperson Pro Tem Sue Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2026

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

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. May 2026 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham reported that there was a total of 395 calls; 12 fire and 147 EMS/rescue.

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
 - Ice Machine at the PSTC is fixed and Assist Chief Martin is working on getting on a better maintenance schedule.
 - Station 13 HVAC is still holding up; Assist Chief Martin has not gotten another local bid and will work on getting one asap.
- Equipment – Chief Martin

- Water Tender 168 had a tire blow out and had to be changed; two more tires on the rear will be changed in the new budget
 - Water Tender 138 had issues with its blower motor; the computer relay and fuse circuit board had to be replaced
 - Engine 131 is back in service at station 13
 - New Attack is in service at station 13
 - Meetings – Chief Martin
 - Mohave County Officers, Fire Marshals, quarterly communication dispatch and Prehospital Care meetings
 - Engineer training in Mohave County; four of our firefighters are attending. Cost is being paid by AZ Works Grant
 - Training – Chief Cunningham
 - April training hours were 145.
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: Public hearing to discuss tentative budgets FY 27, 28, 29 as well as recommendations from the Board of Directors and public comments. (Cunningham)
- Chief Cunningham stated that the only thing that changed was Northern Arizona Fire District canceled the IGA with us for Chloride so the money budgeted for that were taken out. No other changes made to the tentative budget.
 - No Action
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of May 2026 financial reports. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of May that the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was \$1,317,557.15; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was \$130,000.45; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was \$649,081.10. Revenue \$177,302.29 and Expenses \$346,783.55.
 - Director Allen motioned to approve the May 2026 financial reports as presented. Director Juneau 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of new plan document for the Golden Valley Fire District Volunteer Firefighter Alternate Pension and Benefit Plan. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated this plan is administered by Innes and Associates and staff is unable to find the signed executed copy and Innes and Associates does not have it either. The attorney has advised us we need a plan document in place to which Innes provided us a plan document for the attorney to review; so now it's presented to the board for approval. Director Juneau asked if the attorney approved this plan and Comptroller Kindelberger stated yes. Comptroller Kindelberger also stated that there was one change made to this plan that is different from the original is the entry dates. Prior it was only July 1st and January 1st; now it's updated to quarterly to alleviate longer waiting times for some volunteers.
 - Director Juneau motioned to approve the plan document for the Golden Valley Fire District Volunteer Firefighter Alternate Pension and Benefit Plan as presented. Director Perata 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion only: Review the fee schedule for possible changes. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the Fire Marshal is going to have changes to his fees and will get to admin before the next meeting. At this time Comptroller Kindelberger started going through some items to be looked at to modify. Fire and Incident reports charge is \$20 (Fire & EMS), the homeowner of the property we currently waive the fee however it has never been stated in the fee schedule and Chief suggests it say that on the schedule as homeowner or patient that the fee be waived. The actual fee we are charging is sufficient. The CPR First Aid classes fee is not covering the cost of the card; the card is around \$25 and we are not covering our hard costs. The personnel cost for billable responses need to be updated due to wage scale increases; the top paid officer and the top paid fire investigator are a little low we may want to bring those up, the firefighter rate looks okay. The last item to review is the rental fees; Chairman DeMaio suggested last meeting we revisit the fee schedule for rentals due to nonprofits asking for more discounts to eliminate all the discounting requests and to include the kitchen in all rentals. The cleaning deposit has been \$200 for a long time and the minimum hours of use is four (4) for gym and two (2) minimum for classroom. Banking hours as brought up last meeting is an accounting nightmare for the office and highly recommend we do not do that. This led to a discussion on each item. The board requested admin get the cost for the CPR First Aid cards for the next meeting. Director Juneau wanted to discuss the personnel and get the rates up to their pay schedule; Comptroller Kindelberger suggested to raise the fire investigator up to \$68 and the officer up to \$75 this way it covers all personnel. Chairperson Pro Tem Foster suggested raising fire investigator to \$70. Director Juneau asked about the PSTC rental fees which was reviewed by Comptroller Kindelberger which led to discussion on past rental negotiations by nonprofits. The board stated they like to do only two rates, the general rate and a rate for non-profits for both gym and classrooms which will both include the kitchen. Comptroller Kindelberger stated the minimum of four hours has never been an issue which includes set up and breakdown and isn't unreasonable. Director Perata asked if we return the deposit to the renter, Comptroller Kindelberger stated yes as long as everything is good after the event. There was a brief discussion on possible rates for the general rental and nonprofit rentals per gym and classroom. Chairperson Pro Tem suggested for nonprofit rate for gym/kitchen as \$30 and nonprofit rate for classroom/kitchen as \$25; General rate for gym/kitchen as \$50 and General rate for classroom/kitchen as \$35 and keep the four-hour minimum with no banking of any unused hours. Deposit for cleaning and damage for \$200 was brought up; which led to a brief discussion. Chief Cunningham suggested that the deposit should be for cleaning only then add any damages if applicable. Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the fee schedule will be red lined for the next board meeting and suggested that there should be a statement that states prices are set by board of directors and non-negotiable.

- No action.

E. Discussion only: Invoice from attorney. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that she reached out to the attorney to receive any unbilled items to close out our fiscal year. This \$1,453.50 invoice is mainly fees for IGAs and contract review.

- No action.

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.

- Bruce Tennant asked the board if volunteers have to pay for the CPR for the course; Chief Cunningham stated you have to pay for your card. Tennant asked when the classes are and was told that BC Robert Arnold does CPR classes twice a year; BC Robert Arnold does do public classes when he has enough people to attend.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairperson Pro Tem Foster adjourned meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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

Date: 06/24/2026

By: _____
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

Approved:

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