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, October 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**
   - Chair Pro-Tem Juneau called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**
   - Director Connie Allen, Director Gary Juneau, and Director Pamela Perata were present. Chairman Tony DeMaio and Clerk Sue Foster were absent.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   A. Regular Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2026
      - Director Allen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Perata 2nd. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
   A. September 2026 Operational Report
      - Chief Cunningham reported that there was a total of 240 calls; 14 fire and 163 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
        - Station 13 – Ice machine is getting to the point it needs to be replaced; working on getting quotes.
        - PSTC – Ice machine has a transformer out and will get serviced today.
      - Equipment – Chief Martin
        - C 102 – Bushings, tire, and rod ends on the front needs to be replaced.
        - Engine 111 – Engine brake fixed and lights replaced.

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- Engine 121 – Evaporator came in and hopefully back in service this week.
- Training – Chief Cunningham
  - September training hours were 61
- Projects in the works – Chief Cunningham
  - Battalion Chief Robert Arnold will be moved into an acting assistant chief position for 6 months starting November 9th as a succession plan. If he passes his task book, he'll have the option to move into that position; this is a position that's needed and will help with operational and admirative tasks.
- Anniversaries
  - Chief Dave Cunningham – 31 years
  - Assistant Chief David Martin – 31 years
- Introduction of C Shift – Chief Martin
  - Battalion Chief of C shift, Boyd Lewis, introduced each firefighter to the board.
    Battalion Chief – Boyd Lewis – Paramedic – 24 years, started in 2002; fire instructor, fire investigator and has taught several academies for the district
    Firefighter Joseph McKinney – EMT - 7 years
    Engineer Sean Arnold –Paramedic – 11 years, 17 years of fire service & hazmat team leader.
    Firefighter Chandler Duncan – EMT – 1.5 years
    Engineer James Childers – Paramedic – 18 years, 20 years total; runs Griffith contract and inhouse peer support team, therapy dog program and county wide peer support team program.
    Firefighter Trey Fitzsimmons – EMT – 3 years
    POC Firefighter – Dillon Haskell – EMT – 2 years; 6 years total
    Firefighter Milo Tieman – EMT – 2 years
    Engineer Brian Abraham – Paramedic – 9 years, EMS coordinator for department and a Wildland Engine Boss.
    Engineer Scott Proudfoot - Paramedic – 15 years (Absent)

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 September 2026 financial reports. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger noted for the month of September that the ending register balance for the warrant account at Wells Fargo was $257,772.51; payroll account ending register balance at National Bank of Arizona was $140,000.53; and the capital reserve account ending register balance at Wells Fargo was $658,005.93. Revenue $167,314.85 and Expenses $359,020.62. Kindleberger noted that this is our dry season and next month the tax revenue will start coming into the district.
  - Director Perata motioned to approve the September 2026 financial reports as presented. Director Allen 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Resolution to surplus 2011 Dodge Ram 5500, scrap metal, batteries, and tires at station 12. (Juneau)

- Chair Pro-Tem Juneau stated we have to clean up the yard as discussed at last meeting which led to a brief discussion.

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- Director Perata motioned to approve the resolution to surplus 2011 Dodge Ram 5500, scrap metal, batteries, and tires. Chair Pro-Tem Juneau 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion only: Election for two positions on the Golden Valley Fire District Governing Board cancelled. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that no election will happen; only two candidates applied which were Sue Foster and Connie Allen; they will be appointed back onto the governing board by the Board of Supervisors.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding: Move the November and December meetings to be held on the third Wednesday of the month due to conflict with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger told the board that we do this every year.
  - Chair Pro-Tem Juneau motioned to move the November and December meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. Director Allen 2nd motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion only: Review invoices from attorneys. (Administration)
- Comptroller Kindelberger stated that the invoice from Nicolas Cornelius, District's attorney, for $2,308.50; another invoice from Pierce Coleman, PSPRS Local Board attorney, for $285.00 which helped us navigate the termination of the volunteer pension plan; there will be no cost to the district for the $285.00 due to it will be paid out of the volunteer pension plan assets.
  - 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.*
   - None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
   - Chair Pro-Tem Juneau adjourned meeting at 9:22 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by: Tonia Sakusky **Date**: 10/28/2026
(This is a working draft until board approval)

By: _____ Approved:
Sue Foster, Board Clerk

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