

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD APRIL 27, 2010, AT STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:03 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson
Bob Eddingfield (arrived 10:21)
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Chief Jerry Doerksen
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to approve the agenda. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 23, 2010. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried 4-1. Gerald Shanks abstained. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on April 9, 2010, and the Budget Session on April 9, 2010. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Amanda Spies – Motorcycle Injury Recovery Presentation.

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen reviews Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports. Dick Dobbin asked Board Members to make sure they read the Verde Valley Fire Chief's Association meeting regarding the Dispatch fees.

CURRENT EVENTS: Dick Dobbin states that Matt Robertson will be leaving Sedona Fire and will be taking a Captain position with Clarkdale Fire. Matt Robertson thanked everyone for their recognition.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Board Member Gerald Shanks gave an update on tax revolt and legislation review. Gerald Shanks stated that Chief Doerksen is doing a good job sending out all of the AFDA e-mail updates. Chief Doerksen stated that the Legislation is switching and that all elected Chief/Secretary Districts should be prepared for a transition to either a three or five member board. Chief Doerksen will be meeting with other Districts that will be at the \$3.25 mil rate maximum with decreases in assessed values. Dick Dobbin stated that since we have some monies in our Capital Projects account, that this is a good thing and believes that this will help our budgeting process as well.

B. DISCUSSION OF IMPACTS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS WITH VERDE VALLEY FIRE

DISTRICT: Chief Doerksen reviews the changes that have impacted or have the potential of impacting Verde Valley Fire District within the last year. Gerald Shanks stated that this has been an ongoing issue for many years. Bob Eddingfield asked if there has been anything new from AFDA to be able to help with this issue. Chief Doerksen stated that there is nothing new regarding this. Gerald Shanks asked that the review of this issue be moved to the January Board Meeting each year.

C. SELECT AN ACCOUNTANT TO DO QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REVIEWS: After discussion between Board Members a **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to select someone to do the quarterly reports. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to select Angela D. Bertram, CPA to do the quarterly reports. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

D. BUDGET PRESENTATION: Chief Doerksen presented an overview of a Concept FY 10/11 Budget. Dick Dobbin asked if there were any comments on purchasing a home in Verde Santa Fe for an interim Fire Station. Dick Dobbin stated that he thinks we should bring this up at a future Board Meeting for further discussion. Gerald Shanks stated that he is comfortable with this item being in the budget and they should give Chief Doerksen an opportunity to prepare and to present options for staffing. Chief Doerksen stated that we should wait until we see what happens with Proposition 13. Dick Dobbin would like to see this kept on the back burner and review this at the appropriate time.

E. PROPOSED STATION 31 REMODEL DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION: Chief Doerksen updated the Board Members on the progress of the remodeling of Station 31. Gerald Shanks stated that we will need to move the Board meetings from Station 31 to Station 32. Chief Doerksen stated that we leave the August election at Station 31 and notify the County that the elections in November will not be able to be held at station 31.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:52 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ DATE: _____