

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD APRIL 26, 2011, AT STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 10:01 AM

**PRESENT:**

Dick Dobbin  
Ken Bishop  
Matt Robertson  
Bob Eddingfield  
Gerald Shanks

**STAFF:**

Chief Jerry Doerksen  
Debbie Lewis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to move item 9B and item 9C to precede item 9A. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the Special Session Minutes on March 2, 2011. Second by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 22, 2011. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried 3-2 Gerald Shanks, Ken Bishop and Matt Robertson voted aye. Bob Eddingfield and Dick Dobbin abstained.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** NONE

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** Gary Chamberlain spoke on highway clean up. Bill Laitenberger stated that while driving through the switchbacks he noticed that there is a lot of trash in that area and if this might be an opportunity to do some cleanup. Debbi Segall is leading an effort to fight the annexation and they have put together a handout.

**CALL TO PUBLIC:** NONE

**REPORTS:** Board Members were asked if they had any questions regarding the Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Administration, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports. Dick Dobbin asked how many more SCBA's we have left. Chief Doerksen stated that he is not sure how many are left, but that Clarkdale is purchasing 10 SCBA's as well and he will get the number to the Board.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- B. Discussion of Impacts of Other Jurisdictions with Verde Valley Fire District-** Debbi Segall spoke on annexation and reviewed the handout that has been put together. Debbi Segall is looking for people to help pass out these handouts. Gary Chamberlain stated everyone gets to decide where things go in the future. Dick Dobbin stated that he would like the firefighters to contact Bill Laitenberger and Debbi Segall and let them know how they can help. Gerald Shanks stated that VVFD could not use taxpayers money or resources to fight annexation. Firefighters can be involved off duty.

- C. Review of Legislation, Issues and Other Organizations or Agencies that may impact Verde Valley Fire District** – Chief Doerksen stated that the bills that AFDA supported have passed the legislature and are waiting for the Governor’s signature. Gerald Shanks stated that he did speak with the Montezuma Rimrock Fire and Clarkdale Fire Boards on Fire Authority. Dick Dobbin stated that Sedona is about ready to approve their preliminary budget, he would hate to see the great relationship that we have with them affect VVFD and how their reduced budget may have an affect our mutual aid. Discussion was held on the impacts the communication center may have on VVFD and other agencies in the Verde Valley.
- A. Financial Planning Benefit Option-** Chief Doerksen gave an overview on financial planning and the impacts the current changes have on the public safety retirement. Chief Doerksen also gave an overview of the proposed Financial Planning Benefit Option. Gerald Shanks asked if Chief Doerksen knew how many employees would take advantage of this benefit. Matt Robertson stated that since the employees have not had raises for many years he feels that this would be a good benefit for the employees. Ken Bishop agreed with Matt Robertson’s comment. **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to approve Taylor and Padgett Financial Group to provide a onetime \$100.00 financial planning session proposed by Taylor and Padgett for each employee that wants to take advantage of it. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- D. Options for Station in Verde Santa Fe Area-**Gerald Shanks and Matt Robertson gave an overview of what was previously discussed in regards to the purchase of property and a new station. Bob Eddingfield stated that he feels that we should purchase the property on Tissaw Road. Dick Dobbin wanted to know if the Association is still willing to allow VVFD to have a home in VSF. **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to direct staff to look for properties in and around the VSF area. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- E. Retirement Withholdings Impact on Employees and Possible Solutions-** Chief Doerksen gave an overview of the loss in take home pay personnel will have as a result of changes in retirement withholdings. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to adjust the pay scale up 1% for personnel on PSPRS and a 4% for Admin. Personnel. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried 4-1. Gerald Shanks declared a conflict on interest.
- F. Approval of the Purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera-** **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to approve the purchase of a new Thermal Imaging Camera up to \$10,000 to come out of account 7220. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Adjourn for a Break 11:52 a.m.**

**Resume regular meeting 12:03 p.m.**

**CURRENT EVENTS:** Dick Dobbin would like to offer condolences to Gerald Shanks and his family.

**G. Adoption of Preliminary Budget for FY 2011-2012-** Chief Doerksen gave an overview of the proposed preliminary budget. Gerald Shanks discussed concerns regarding the salary portion of the budget. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to approve the Preliminary Budget for FY 2011-2012 as presented in the amount of \$5,843,226.00 with a mil rate of \$2.5061, setting in place the (30) thirty day review period for public comment and set the hearing date of June 28, 2011. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**H. Chief's Evaluation Progress Review – Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to go into Executive Session. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Adjourn to Executive Session** 12:40 p.m.

**Resume Regular Board Meeting** 2:01 p.m.

**I. Fire Chief's Annual Performance Evaluation and Compensation Plan Motion** was made by to Gerald Shanks to table this item until next month. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2:03 PM

**BOARD CLERK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_