

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD APRIL 28, 2009, AT STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:04 AM

PRESENT:

Bob Eddingfield (absent)
Matt Robertson
Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Chief Jerry Doerksen
Assistant Chief Flummer (absent)
Debbie Lewis

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 24, 2009 as amended. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Matt Robertson asks question about the volunteer salary being over the budget and that the overtime is under. Matt Robertson also asks about the ambulance refunds. **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin, to approve the financial statement as presented. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. Dick Dobbin asks if we can start tracking what VVAC is collecting verses what AMPS is collecting. Chief Doerksen explains that it may take a year before we will be able to truly compare the two, however we will keep track of this each month.

Chief Doerksen reviews the reports. Dick Dobbin asks question about well specifications and changing the board from 8" to a 6". Chief Doerksen explains that this was discussed with Bob Collingwood and was decided that we did not need it this big and it would save us some money. Gerald Shanks asks if the other Board Members read the AFDA Report. Gerald Shanks asks that the staff print out the quarterly AFDA newsletter and put it in the Board book.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. RATIFICATION OF VOTE ON PURCHASE OF STAFF VEHICLE: Gerald Shanks states that we need to correct this. Dick Dobbin states he feels we did not do anything wrong. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to approve the purchase of the GMC Yukon from Steve Coury in the amount of \$28,000.00. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried 3-1. Matt Robertson, Dick Dobbin and Ken Bishop voted aye. Gerald Shanks voted nay.

B. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Gerald Shanks did not have anything to discuss this month. Chief Doerksen reviews his conversations with the Republican Group, ATRA, and the Prop 13 Groups.

C. DISCUSSION OF VVFD AREA IN THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD: Gerald Shanks reviews the purpose for the chart of VVFD area that has been annexed. Staff to produce a report on yearly basis for the Board to review.

D. APPROVE OF THE LAY-OFF POLICY: Matt Robertson is concerned about placing this in as a policy and thinks it should be a procedure. Further discussion between Board Members regarding this policy. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks, to approve the the lay-off policy as amended. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried 3-1. Gerald Shanks, Dick Dobbin and Ken Bishop voted aye. Matt Robertson voted nay.

E. APPROVE OF GRANT AND STIMULUS BUILDING PLAN: **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to allow the Chief to spend up to \$1,000 for the lot preparation for the property at Verde Santa Fe. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

F. DISCUSSION OF VOLUNTEER PENSION: Dick Dobbin thinks it is a good plan and makes the employees responsible for their own money. There was a lot of discussion on the economy and employees want to be personally involved. After further discussion with Board Members, no action taken.

G. Approve of MDC Grant – Resolution 2009-02: Joel Rosenberg gave an overview of this grant. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to approve Resolution 2009-02 approving the submission of MDC's for the FEMA Homeland Security Grant. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Dick Dobbin asks that with recent outbreak of the swine flu, are we doing anything? Chief Doerksen states we are reviewing other plans as well. Dick Dobbin would like to see an American and Arizona Flag in our public meeting. Dick Dobbin states he would like to see us salute the flag at each meeting. Matt Robertson has a question as to whether the Board Chairman votes or not. Staff will review this and bring back.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:49 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____