

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD DECEMBER 21, 2010, AT STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson (absent from 10:00 to 11:53)
Bob Eddingfield
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Chief Jerry Doerksen
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 26, 2010. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 23, 2010. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting on December 7, 2010. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on October 26, 2010. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen reviewed Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Administration, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports. Gerald Shanks asked if staff receives a copy of the Chiefs Report prior to the meeting. Gerald Shanks asked for the staff to receive a copy of the Chief's report and to also have a few copies available at the Board Meeting for public and employees to review. Dick Dobbin asked about the special assignment item and who has been filling in for the Engineer spot. Chief Doerksen stated that currently no one has been acting as an Engineer and that the Firefighters have been filling in. Dick Dobbin asked that we have Board involvement in the Request for Settlement item. Gerald Shanks stated that the Board working together with the Chief is probably the best option for the settlement issue. Ken Bishop stated that the Board Chairmen should work with Chief Doerksen and keep the rest of the Board Members informed. Bob Eddingfield stated that we are getting ahead of ourselves on this settlement and once we know more the Board can become involved.

CURRENT EVENTS: Gerald Shanks asked Chief to attend the Communications Resolution conflict class at the AFDA conference in January. Gerald Shanks asked Ken Bishop to attend the Created Constructive Options class with Bob Eddingfield. Gerald Shanks stated that he and Chief Doerksen discussed the possibility of bringing the AFDA Key Note speaker of the Building Better Teams in the Fire Service class here to the Verde Valley Fire District.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. **Review of Legislation, Issues and Other Organizations or Agencies that may Impact Verde Valley Fire District** – Dick Dobbin asked about developing a resolution to oppose annexation. Chief Doerksen stated that the resolution wording will be worked on with Gerald Shanks and Matt Robertson. Chief Doerksen stated that the lobbyist spoke at the last AFDA meeting with current updates. Chief Doerksen stated that the Mergers and Fire Authorities legislations are continuing to move forward in the legislature and AFDA supports this. He also stated the AFDA is taking a neutral stand on Cities being able to decide the status of CONs for ambulance service in their boundaries. Chief Doerksen disagrees with AFDA’s stand and believes we should oppose it to protect the entire state and not just the Cities. Gerald Shanks stated that this would have an impact on us because of the Hwy. 260 corridor. Chief Doerksen stated that he and Debbie Lewis attended an open meeting law class. The instructor looked at our agenda and recommended that we be more specific on this agenda item so the public knows what will be discussed. Gerald Shanks asked if there is any concern regarding FDAT. Chief Doerksen stated that this not a big concern at this time and the lobbyist will continue to watch this. Gerald Shanks stated that the changing of commercial to residential taxing will not affect our District much if it goes through but may affect how tax revolt groups react.
- B. **Discuss and/or vote on entering into Executive Session. Motion** was made by Ken Bishop not to go into Executive Session Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously
- C. **Purchase of Property - Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to direct the staff to put information together and bring information back to the Board to make a decision to purchase property. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. Chief Doerksen reviews the purchase of Forest Service property. Chief Doerksen stated we looked at the Amante property and this is not an option now. Chief Doerksen stated that the Tissaw Road property is one of the best options we have currently. The delinquent property taxes have already been purchased so there is no option for the District to purchase the back taxes. Dick Dobbin asked if the District has exclusive right to purchase this property or can anyone purchase this property. Gerald Shanks stated that he believes that at this time the owner of the property can sell the property to anyone. Chief Doerksen agreed with Gerald Shanks statement. Dick Dobbin asked if the person that purchased the back taxes would they have first option to purchase this property. Chief Doerksen stated that the person who purchased the back taxes could purchase the property just as anyone from the public could purchase it. Further discussion between the Board Members with the options for property to place a Fire Station. Bob Eddingfield stated that he has done a Comparable Market Analysis and that 1-3 acres in this area has sold for under \$100,000. **Motion** died. Dick Dobbin aye. Gerald Shanks, Bob Eddingfield, and Ken Bishop voted nay. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to instruct staff to purchase property not to exceed \$75,000. Second was made by Ken Bishop. Dick Dobbin stated that he feels we should have a full Board present to make a decision on property.

Motion was made by Bob Eddingfield to take a recess. Second was made by Ken Bishop at 11:50 a.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Meeting reconvened at 11:53 a.m. Matt Robertson is now available via telephone. Gerald Shanks brings Matt Robertson up to speed on the discussion. Matt Robertson asked if we are unable to build a station what would be our resale option. Matt Robertson asked if we will have any option to purchase the property at Amante. Chief Doerksen stated that this is not an option. Matt Robertson stated he is in favor of purchasing the property on Tissaw Road for up to \$75,000. **Motion** carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:04 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____