

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2009, AT STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:**

Bob Eddingfield  
Matt Robertson  
Dick Dobbin  
Ken Bishop  
Gerald Shanks

**STAFF:**

Chief Jerry Doerksen  
Assistant Chief Flummer  
Debbie Lewis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to change Item F to Item B on the agenda. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **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 January 27, 2009 and the Work Session on February 5, 2009. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** NONE

**CALL TO PUBLIC:** NONE

**REPORTS:** Bob Eddingfield asked if the extra audit cost is retroactive. Chief Doerksen stated that this is not retroactive and would only apply if we receive grant funds that exceed \$500,000 in a fiscal year. Dick Dobbin asked for an explanation on Account 5420 Consulting. Chief explains this is the work we did on the policies, as well as the employee discussions. Matt Robertson asked about Grant money for Wildland. Chief explains we are trying to get an engine boss and more training. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield, to approve the financial statement as presented. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Chief gives an overview of the personnel reports. Bob Eddingfield asks Mark if he made a presentation to VVAC in January. Mark stated that VVAC personnel approached him to ask if the personnel were interested in merging with VVAC. It was never presented to VVAC Board.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW:** Gerald Shanks gave an update on the Legislative Bills. Gerald Shanks stated that ATRA did get their bill in.

**B. FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE:** Gerald Shanks reviews the Federal Stimulus package which may have money for fire agencies. Gerald Shanks would like to build an Administrative Center on the land in Verde Santa Fe and remodel Station 31. Ken Bishop would like to see the remodeling of Station 31 first. Ken asked if it makes sense to move Administration to another location. Ken Bishop said he would like to get on this immediately. Gerald Shanks states that the next item is the Safer Grant. We could add Firefighters and we would not have to pay for them from five years. Ken Bishop thinks that this is a great time to add Firefighters while the economy is having problems. This would also help the economy by hiring more people. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to proceed with the Grants and to put together a subcommittee to research further. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:** **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield, to approve the Conflict of Interest Statements as presented. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**D. CHANGE BOARD MEETING TIME:** **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin, to change the Board meeting time from 7 PM. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. Dick Dobbin amended his motion to change the Board meeting from 7 PM to 10:00 AM. Second to the amended motion was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**E. PURCHASE OF AN AUTO PULSE:** **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop, to approve the purchase of 2 Auto pulses which are in the budget. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**F. INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS:** Dick Dobbin gave an overview of what he intended this item to be. He would like to see that we are getting as much as we can from the money we have sitting in the bank for payroll and other purchases. Based on information from AFDA, other Districts are investing funds in other secure bank accounts to get better interest on the investments. It is important that we get the most we can out of our money for the tax payers, and if we go outside of the County for investing that the funds are secured. After further discussion it was decided that the staff bring back more information.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Bob Eddingfield commented on the meeting with the City of Cottonwood and was glad to see the Chief's positive attitude. He would like to see us keep our lines of communications open, but he would not like to consider a consolidation or merger. Ken Bishop states that Chief did a really good job on his presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:52 PM**

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