

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD  
January 26, 2010, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, AZ.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Dick Dobbin  
Ken Bishop  
Bob Eddingfield  
Gerald Shanks

**STAFF:**

Chief Jerry Doerksen  
Assistant Chief Flummer  
Debbie Lewis

**ABSENT:**

Matt Robertson at Training

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 22, 2009. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried 3-1. Dick Dobbin, Ken Bishop, and Gerald Shanks voted aye. Bob Eddingfield abstained.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** Skip Heyer – Auto External Defibrillator/Continues Compress Resuscitation progress and future plans. Skip Heyer gave presentation on the need for training on the Auto External Defibrillator/Continues Compress Resuscitation.

**CALL TO PUBLIC:** NONE

**REPORTS:** Chief Doerksen reviews Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW:** Gerald Shanks reviewed items he learned at AFDA and any updates on proposed legislation items. Chief Doerksen stated that FDAT funds would not go to cities and was taken out of the legislation.

**B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST STATEMENTS: Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to approve the Conflict of Interest Statements as presented. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**C. AGREEMENT WITH THE VERDE VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

**APPROVAL:** Chief Doerksen reviewed the proposed agreement with the Verde Village Property Owner's Association. Dick Dobbin stated that the cost per month is still less expensive than what the District had been paying for water in the past.

**Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield, to approve the proposed agreement with the Verde Village Property Owner's, to provide financial assistance to maintain the Verde Village Pond. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**D. FY 10/11 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION:** Gerald Shanks stated that he would like to keep the levy amount the same and raise the mil rate and pull monies from the Economic Stabilization and Capital Reserve if needed. Gerald Shanks stated that if Prop 13 gets on the ballot then he thinks we should take the 16 1/2% increase. Chief Doerksen stated to consider a 1% to 2% increase instead of doing a large increase all at one time in later years. Dick Dobbin stated that the committee should look at the fact that the employee's on the ASRS would have an increase in what that employee is responsible to contribute into ASRS, which would have an impact on any increase they would receive and that this should be looked at as well. Bob Eddingfield stated that we need 2 budgets available; one if Prop 13 does not get on the ballot and one if Prop 13 does get on the ballot.

**Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin, to select Bob Eddingfield, Gerald Shanks, Ken Bishop and Dick Dobbin for the FY 10-11 Budget Committee, and approve the Budget Development Schedule. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**E. OPEN MEETING LAW DISCUSSION:** After several Board Members and District employees attended classes regarding open meeting law the Board shared what they learned and had a discussion regarding open meetings. Based on information from the classes there have been changes made to our Agenda format. These changes have been reviewed and approved by Elizabeth Hill, Assistant Ombudsman with the State of Arizona. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop, to approve the new agenda format and to add an agenda item to recommend future agenda items. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT: 12:26 PM**

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