

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD JANUARY 25, 2011, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson
Bob Eddingfield
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Assistant Chief, Mike Flummer
Debbie Lewis

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 Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 21, 2010. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried 4-1. Matt Robertson abstained. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to approve the executive session minutes on the January 6, 2011. Second by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: Judith Peebles the Chairman of the Landscape Committee stated that there are some drainage issues on the lot on Tissaw Road that need to be addressed.

REPORTS: Chief Flummer asked for any questions on the Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports. Matt Robertson asked a question about the Workmen's Comp funds being deposited into account #4060 and how many claims this covers. Debbie Lewis stated that this is for one Workmen's Comp claim.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. **Acknowledgement of Declaration of Interest Statements** – **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to acknowledgement the Conflict of Interest Statements as presented. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- B. **FY 11/12 Budget Discussion and Direction** – **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson, to select Board Members for the FY 2011-2012 Budget Committee, and to approve the Budget Development Schedule. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. Gerald Shanks stated that if we are going to do any mergers that this needs to be discussed during Budget time and that the schedule may need to be adjusted at a later date. Matt Robertson, Bob Eddingfield, Dick Dobbin would like to serve on the Budget Committee. **Motion** carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion of Verde Santa Fe Annexation Information Meeting** – Matt Robertson gave an update on the meeting held at Verde Santa Fe on January 13, 2011. Dick Dobbin stated that there is another meeting on January 31, 2011 at the Cottonwood community meeting room. Further discussion between the Board Members on annexation.
- D. Discussion on AFDA conference** – Bob Eddingfield reported on the class he attended at AFDA on building a Fire Station, the cost could be \$150-350 per square foot. Ken Bishop reported on the classes he attended at the AFDA conference. Bob Eddingfield stated that he took a class on the marijuana law and a policy will be needed. Ken Bishop stated he attended a class for CEO and running a Fire District should be like running a business. Ken Bishop stated communication is a big issue. Gerald Shanks gave a report on the classes he attended at the AFDA conference.
- E. Team Work Retreat** – Gerald Shanks stated about the possibility of having a team building retreat to promote open communication for a team to all get to the same goals. Ken Bishop stated that maybe the class that was presented at AFDA could be tailored to our needs.
- F. Board Meeting Organization** – Gerald Shanks stated he would like to see a couple of changes on the agenda. Staff will prepare changes as suggested have Gerald Shanks and Elizabeth Hill review and approve.
- G. Merger Discussion** – Matt Robertson stated that consolidation of service would be a good idea. Matt Robertson stated that there is a couple of different ways this can be done in order to protect our interest. Gerald Shanks stated that he did not do anything with Sedona but he went to Clarkdale and has an invitation to address the Board. Gerald Shanks stated that he only had some general discussion with some representatives from Montezuma Rimrock and Camp Verde. Gerald Shanks stated that with an MOU this would be an obstacle. Matt Robertson stated that an MOU is not an issue since Verde Valley Fire District does not currently have a MOU. Matt Robertson stated that there are going to be concessions from all entities. Dick Dobbin stated that we were very close on merging with Montezuma Rimrock in the past. Gerald Shanks reviewed the Joint Powers Authority Board and how it works.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:45 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ DATE: _____