

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD JANUARY 27, 2009, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, 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 approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **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 16, 2008 and the Work Session on January 8, 2009. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: Chief Joe Moore from Clarkdale Fire wanted to let the Board and the Chief know how well Verde Valley Fire District took care of their truck and the respect for VVFD, and he was honored to be a part of it. Dick Dobbin states that he is very proud of this District and how the funeral was handled.

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen explains that the FDAT amount is were it should be in December. Also, we received an additional invoice for the audit and the total cost will be \$6,000 which is what was budgeted. Gerald Shanks explains that the FDAT taxes may impact our budget. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to approve the financial statements as presented. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Chief Doerksen reviews reports. ATV purchase will be looked at in the next couple of months. The grant was approved and the TRT equipment will be purchased soon. Chief Doerksen states that he will be going to Phoenix with the City of Cottonwood staff on Thursday. They will try to get a Federal Stimulus package to replace the water lines and install more hydrants in Verde Village. Dick Dobbin asks Chief Doerksen to thank the staff again for their help at the funeral of his friend.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Gerald Shanks gives an update on new house bills being presented and a tax revolt update. Matt Robertson mentions that we need to look into the AED contract that we currently have with Dr. Lang.

Matt Robertson asks Board Members if Item E could be discussed next. All Board Members agreed to move Item E up prior to Item B.

E. FY 09/10 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION: Chief Doerksen shows presentation on some Budget considerations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Budget Committee will consist of Gerald Shanks, Bob Eddingfield, Ken Bishop and Dick Dobbin.

Chief Doerksen asks Board Members for direction on preparing the 2009-2010 Budget. Gerald Shanks states we should not raise the tax levy and consider not raising the mil rate. Bob Eddingfield states that the public will be watching and agrees we should not raise the tax levy and consider not raising the mil rate. Gerald Shanks wants the employees to look at reducing pay raises in next year. He is not recommending reducing pay raises but would like the employees to consider it.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AMBULANCE BILLING CONTRACT: Board Members discussed this item. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to table this item for 6 months. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** failed with 2 yeas and 3 nays. Bob Eddingfield and Gerald Shanks voted yea and Matt Robertson, Dick Dobbin and Ken Bishop voted nay. **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to approve Verde Valley Ambulance Company to do the ambulance billing for Verde Valley Fire District. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried 3 yeas and 2 nays. Matt Robertson, Dick Dobbin, and Ken Bishop voted yea and Bob Eddingfield and Gerald Shanks voted nay.

C. APPROVAL OF THE GURNEY PURCHASE: **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to accept the gurney purchase through Stryker Sales Corporation. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF THE WELL FOR STATION 31: **Motion** was made by Gerald to approve the District to go out to bid for the well at Station 31. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

F. MEETINGS WITH THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD DISCUSSION: Dick Dobbin reviews the annexation committee meeting that was held on January 14, 2009. Chief Doerksen reviews his meeting with Doug Bartosh and Chief Casson.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Dick Dobbin would like us to check with other banks within the community to see if they can get us better deals. Bob Eddingfield states that the AFDA was very good.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____