

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD MARCH 22, 2011, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:01 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin(absent)
Gerald Shanks
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson
Bob Eddingfield(absent)

STAFF:

Chief Jerry Doerksen
Assistant Chief, Mike Flummer(absent)
Debbie Lewis

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Matt Robertson to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 22, 2011 as amended. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. Minutes from the Special Session on the March 2, 2011 was tabled until the April meeting.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen answered questions on Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Administration, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports.

CURRENT EVENTS: Gerald Shanks stated that he attended a Breakfast at the Chamber of Commerce and they presented a Pride Award which went to Verde Valley Caregivers who recognized VVFD personnel for their help. Chief Doerksen went to a Verde Santa Fe Property Association Meeting and gave them an update report regarding the planned station on Tissaw Road.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. **Review of Legislation, Issues and Other Organizations or Agencies that may Impact Verde Valley Fire District**
–Gerald Shanks stated he has set up time to speak with Montezuma Rimrock's Board next month in regards to the Fire Authority.

- B. Impacts of Other Jurisdictions with Verde Valley Fire District** –Matt Robertson stated that Sedona Fire has asked that other Board Members and Chiefs come to their next Board meeting to help support them. Matt Robertson asked Chief Doerksen if he had received any requests to attend this meeting and if any other VVFD Board Members had any comments regarding this request and recommended that the Board Chairman and Chief attend the meeting. Matt Robertson asked if the signature drive for the annexation process takes approximately a year. Chief Doerksen stated that this process will take approximately a year. Matt Robertson stated that he would still like VVFD to pursue communicating with the homeowners of Verde Santa Fe to see if they would still allow us to have a home there in order to provide service. Matt Robertson wants to still look for a temporary fix, such as a purchase of a home, to provide service to Verde Santa Fe homeowners. Ken Bishop stated that he is in agreement to continue to pursue the option of purchasing a home in Verde Santa Fe as a way to provide service there. Staff was directed to continue to pursue looking for options improve service to the residents of Verde Santa Fe. Chief Doerksen reviewed the report for the areas removed from the Verde Valley Fire District. **Motion was made by Gerald Shanks that VVFD will continue to respond to all areas as requested, however starting on April 1, 2012 response to the areas removed from the District, without approval or future areas removed without approval, will be on a charge for service basis as per the out of District fee schedule. Because of the inconsistency of response, the District will decline participation in any ISO or insurance rating for these areas or which includes these areas. Second was made by Ken Bishop. Motion lost 1-2.** Gerald Shanks voted aye. Matt Robertson and Ken Bishop voted nay.
- C. FY 11/12 Budget Information Update** –Chief Doerksen gave an overview of the development and direction of the 2011/2012 Budget by the Budget Development Committee.
- D. Chief’s Evaluation Process Review- Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to table this item until the April meeting. Second was made by Ken Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:01 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____