

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD JUNE 1, 2010, 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:

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 Ken Bishop. **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 April 27, 2010. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen reviewed Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports and gave a presentation on how providing ambulance service impacted VVFD and our residents. Chief Flummer gave report on the remodel and septic issues.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Gerald Shanks, Chief Doerksen and Mark Dixon gave an update on Prop 13 and legislative actions that may affect Fire Districts.

Motion was made by Matt Robertson to act on Item D and then move back to item B. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

D. CHANGE JULY BOARD MEETING DATE:

Motion was made by Ken Bishop, to change the Board meeting date to July 22, 2010. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** carried unanimously. Discussion that the Board meeting should be moved due to a conflict with Arizona Fire Chiefs Conference that administration personnel and Board Members are attending.

B. ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FY 2010-2011: Gerald Shanks stated that he has struggled about which Budget to publish since we do not know the outcome of Prop 13 yet. Gerald Shanks states he feels that we should probably publish the higher budget. Matt Robertson stated that he looks at it like doing the right thing and providing the service for our District and being sure the funding is there to provide the service. Long term is to provide the service and given the Prop 13 issue he feels that the higher Budget should be posted. Ken Bishop stated that publishing the higher Budget is the best for the taxpayers. Discussion from Board that if Prop 13 does not have the signatures to get on the ballot then they may adopt the budget that reduces the tax levy. The published budget went up \$4,000,000 because of the grant. Should the District not receive the monies from a grant then this money will not be spent.

Motion was made by Matt Robertson to approve the Preliminary Budget for FY 2010-2011 for \$9,713,421.00 with a mil rate of \$2.4075, setting in place the (30) thirty day review period for public comment and set the hearing date for July 22, 2010. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

C. EXHAUST SYSTEM GRANT – RESOLUTION 2010-02: Seth Murphy and Merry Shanks are re-submitting for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, for the exhaust systems to clear exhaust from the bays at Station 31, which we were not successful in receiving this year. This grant does not require a resolution from the Board, but some grants have required them. In order to better inform the Board and get Board support, staff is recommending they pass a resolution to show support for the grant.

The total cost of the exhaust system is approximately \$62,291. If we receive the grant the District may have to pay matching funds, which we have included \$10,000 for in next year’s budget. This item is justified, to improve the safety of our personnel, and recommended that the Board pass Resolution 2010-02.

Motion was made by Dick Dobbin, to approve the Resolution 2010-02 for the submission of the AFG grant for an exhaust system for Station 31. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Gerard Shanks asked if the exhaust system is more important than the extraction machines. Matt Robertson stated that the exhaust system is equally important as the extraction machines. Matt stated that Station 32 has a separate locker room to keep turnout in and Station 31 does not.

Chief Flummer reviewed how Station 32 was set up for the exhaust system.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:27 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____