

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2009, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

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. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **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 October 26, 2009. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Matt Robertson introduces Chief Hazime with the Sedona Fire District and welcomed him to the area. Chief Doerksen stated that he is thankful for Chief Hazime and for the Districts to be able to work together.

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen reviewed the financial statements. Gerald Shanks asks about account #5190. Gerald Shanks would like to address the Medic agreement if an employee was to be laid off. **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to approve the financial statement as presented. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. Chief Hazime stated that Hwy 89A will be closed if there is any accumulation of snow. This could be closed for hours or days. He has sent a letter to the Governor's office requesting them to keep it open for emergency transports to Flagstaff Medical Center.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. TAX REVOLT / LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: Chief Doerksen being on the AFDA Board stated that the legislative agenda is requiring a lot of budget balancing and will have little time to address new legislation. Chief Doerksen then reviewed other legislative changes proposed by AFDA. Gerald Shanks stated that Lucy Mason will be gone this year as one of our representatives.

B. DISCUSSION WITH CLARKDALE BOARD: Chief Doerksen extended the invitation for Chief Moore and one of his Board Members to attend this meeting for their input on the idea of a joint meeting of the two Boards. Chief Moore will be out of town for our Board meeting and the Clarkdale Fire District Board has not had the chance discuss this opportunity, so they will not have a representative at this meeting.

Seth Murphy a Board Member with Clarkdale will have a discussion with Chief Moore about the two Boards meeting together. Seth Murphy thinks that it is a great idea for the Boards to meet because they can always help each other no matter what the topic is. Dick Dobbin stated that we should be concerned about Dispatch fees. Dick Dobbin asked Chief Doerksen to bring back to the Board the discussion that takes place at the Fire Chief's

meetings regarding dispatch fees. Matt Robertson thinks it is a good idea to meet with the Clarkdale Fire. Matt Robertson asked Chief Doerksen to continue to work with Clarkdale regarding putting a meeting together.

C. MEET AND CONFER: Captain Dixon, the Local 3690 President, has requested that the PFFA be allowed to present information regarding Meet and Confer to the Board. Brian Jefferies, the PFFA Vice President gave a presentation. Chief Doerksen stated that our system already does have a lot of input from line personnel. He thinks it can be good as long as it complements our system and doesn't close doors for general input. Dick Dobbin stated that he thinks that this will open up more doors. Dick Dobbin stated that he advocates this. Gerald Shanks stated that he wouldn't want to go back to only going through the chain of command. **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to direct Staff to proceed with producing a Meet and Confer agreement to present to the Board. Second by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

D. APPROVE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION/DISCIPLINARY PROCESS POLICY: After review of the proposed Policy by Board Members Shanks and Eddingfield, Captains Dixon and Rosenberg, and Chief Doerksen with Brenda Tranchina to answer questions, changes were made. **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to not approve the Corrective Action/Disciplinary Process Policy. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** died 1-4. Gerald Shanks voted yea. Dick Dobbin, Matt Robertson, Bob Eddingfield and Ken Bishop voted nay. After further discussion between Board Members a **Motion** was made by Ken Bishop to approve the Corrective Action/Disciplinary Process Policy. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried 4-1. Dick Dobbin, Matt Robertson, Bob Eddingfield and Ken Bishop voted yea. Gerald Shanks voted nay.

E. TRANSFER YEAR BALANCE FY 2008-2009 FUNDS TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – RESOLUTION 2009-12: **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to approve the Transfer Year Balance FY 2008-2009 Funds to Capital Projects Fund, by the adoption of Resolution 2009-12. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by to Gerald Shanks approve the updated Capital Projects Fund 5 year plan. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

F. CHANGE DECEMBER MEETING DATE: This item died for lack of motion. December meeting will still be held on December 22, 2009.

G. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to nominate Matt Robertson as Board Chairman. Second was made by Ken Bishop. Matt Robertson would like to see the rotation. Matt Robertson declined the nomination. Matt Robertson nominated Dick Dobbin as Board Chairman. Second by Bob Eddingfield and Gerald Shanks nominates Ken Bishop as Board Clerk Second by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Gerald Shanks talks about Christmas Caring and stated that Dick Dobbin has volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:56 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____