

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD NOVEMBER 23, 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
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to change item #I before item #H and to remove item #G. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to table the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 26, 2010, 2010 until the December meeting. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to table the approval of the executive session minutes on the October 26, 2010 until the December meeting. Second by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Doerksen reviewed Financial, Chief's, Assistant Chief's, Administration, Training, Captain's and PIO's reports. Gerald Shanks asked that the wording for the purchase of the "microwave" be changed to "tower". Gerald Shanks asked if we are promoting personnel to go on Wild land assignments. Chief Doerksen stated that we are encouraging personnel and Joel Rosenberg has been approved to be Engine Boss once he completes an additional assignment. Matt Robertson stated that we are not the only District that wants to receive the revenue from Wild land assignments and that if the District receives the call to be assigned to the fire is important, also it is difficult to obtain these higher levels such as Engine Boss. Dick Dobbin would like to publicly thank Skip Heyer and his crew on this efforts for the CCR across America. Chief Doerksen stated that Debbie Clonts has resigned and will be missed. Bob Eddingfield stated that the Arizona Republic shows history events and last week they showed a plane crash happened in the Grand Canyon in 1980. Transported 7 people by helicopter the rest of the people were transported by bus. He brings this up because of where our District is and how far we have advanced in the last 30 years. Chief Doerksen and Debbie Lewis reviewed some insurance changes and proposals. Matt Robertson stated that the Mayor of Cottonwood is continuing to pursue the CON that Verde Valley Ambulance Company has. Dick Dobbin recognized the article in the paper of Bob Eddingfield's 50th wedding anniversary.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. Review of Legislation, Issues and Other Organizations or Agencies that may Impact Verde Valley Fire District** – Gerald Shanks talked about quickest response and customer service. Matt Robertson stated that with Board approval for the option that VVFD help VVAC. Gerald Shanks stated that the Fire Authority would help in these types of situation. Gerald Shanks stated that proposition 301 and 302 failed. Matt Robertson asked what we are going to take a stand with Cottonwood annexations. Bob Rothrock who was sitting in the Public, commented that he was on the City Council from 2003 to 2007 and that there was a study done approximately 20 years ago to have one Fire Service in the Verde Valley. Bob Rothrock stated that VVFD should continue to keep the public informed of the study. Gerald Shanks asked if the Board should do a resolution to oppose any annexations. This resolution will be brought to the December Board Meeting.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action for Staffing and Interim Station Plan at Verde Santa Fe (VSF) Station 35:** Chief Doerksen reviewed different options regarding the staffing at the interim station at Verde Santa Fe. Station #35. Matt Robertson voiced some concerns to the Chief that he would like him to bring to the Captains meeting when deciding how to staff the interim station at Verde Santa Fe.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Permanent VSF Station:** Gerald Shanks stated that the developer had stated that he gave the property on Tissaw Road to the Fire District and he has a problem with paying for the property at this time. Matt Robertson stated that times have changed and if it can be a small fire station that VVFD builds than that would be fine. Dick Dobbin asked if the parcel on Cornville Road could be removed from Amante and be sold to the Fire District. **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to postpone the purchase of the property set aside for the fire station on Tissaw Road in Verde Santa Fe. Second was made by Gerald Shanks. **Motion** carried 4-1. Matt Robertson, Dick Dobbin, Gerald Shanks and Ken Bishop voted aye. Bob Eddingfield voted nay.

Break was taken at 12:34 PM. Board Meeting resumes at 12:44 PM

- D. Declaration of 1980 TRT321 as Surplus and Direction for Disposal Resolution – 2010-06:** **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to pass Resolution 2010-06 to declare the 1980 TRT truck surplus and donate it to Verde Valley Fire District Charities, Inc. Second was made by Ken Bishop. Gerald Shanks stated that we need to do the same thing for VVFD Charities that we would do with other Charities group. **Motion** failed. **Motion** was made to approve 2010-06 to declare the 1980 TRT truck surplus. Second by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- E. Approve the 2011 Board Calendar:** **Motion** was made by Dick Dobbin to approve the Board Meeting Calendar with changing the July 26, 2011 meeting to July 19, 2011 and change the December 27, 2011 meeting to December 20, 2011. Second was made by Bob Eddingfield. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- F. Transfer Year Balance FY 2009-2010 Funds to Capital Reserve -Resolution 2010-07:** **Motion** was made by Gerald Shanks to approve Resolution 2010-07 to authorize the transfer of \$582,647.00 from General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Second was made by Dick Dobbin. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- G. Compensation Administration Policy and Special Appointments Policy Changes** – Removed from agenda.

I. Oath of Office for New Board Members – Dick Dobbin and Matt Robertson took the Oath of Office.

H. Election of Board Officers – Matt Robertson nominated Gerald Shanks as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Gerald Shanks would nominate Matt Robertson as Chairman. Vote was unanimous to have Gerald Shanks serve as the Chairman of the Board. Bob Eddingfield nominated Ken Bishop as the Clerk of the Board of Directors. Vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:21 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____