

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at: 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Bob Eddingfield
Matt Robertson
Dick Dobbin
Ken Bishop
Gerald Shanks

STAFF:

Chief Doerksen
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion was made by Bob Eddingfield to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. **Executive Session-** The Verde Valley Fire District Board may vote to go into Executive Session to present the findings from Board Members Matt Robertson and Bob Eddingfield who were appointed by the Board at the May 12, 2011 Board Meeting as a committee to investigate matters affecting the Fire Chief pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A (1). **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to go into executive session. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Dick Dobbin asked Chief Doerksen if he had any comments to the Board regarding the investigation. Chief Doerksen stated he wanted to be able to know the results of the investigation so that he can have information as to how move forward as the Chief and be able to see the pluses and minus for management purposes.

Chief Doerksen stated that he was notified of the meeting and was okay with having the meeting in executive session.

Adjourn to Executive Session at: 10:06 a.m.

Adjourn from Executive Session at: 1:36 p.m.

Resume Regular Board Meeting at: 1:37 p.m.

Gerald Shanks stated that the same Board Members are still present.

B. Discussion regarding findings of the Board appointed investigation committee regarding personnel concerns and grievances as appointed and delegated in the May 12, 2011 Board Meeting. This is for discussion only and no action will be taken.

Matt Robertson made a statement on behalf of the Board that the overall findings of this investigation are that there has been a gross lack of leadership, lack of effective communication, lack of accountability, lack of attention to detail, and lack of appropriate discipline. It is unfortunate that this has all led to our current situation. In regards to the grievance at this time we the Board would like more time to evaluate the situation and we consider the grievance partially resolved.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:44 p.m.

BOARD CLERK: _____ DATE: _____