

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
January 24, 2023, AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ85940

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:30

2. ROLL CALL: Present John Vehar, Randy Mifflin, Paul Kovacic, Grey Murphy, Gregg McClendon

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Wendy Sharp

5. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Financial Report and discussion: Ben from JV Group presented the December report. We started the month with \$132,898.98 and ended with \$135,120.25 in the county account. The Special Revenue account ended with \$108,212.82. Payroll accounts for \$4,685.73. We spent \$124,728.
- B. Chair Summary- Stated the passing of Adrian Aldredge, and Paul Kovacic presented Mary Aldredge Adrian's retirement plaque. John also stated that all are invited to a celebration of life for Adrian at Licanos this Saturday 28th at 1:00.
- C. Chief's Report and discussion – See attachment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for December 2022
- B. The Board has reviewed and approve the December 2022 meeting minutes.

7. BUSINESS

- A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Grey Murphy Motion, Randy Mifflin 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
- B. Appointment of Board Chair and Clerk: Acting Chair John Vehar requested nominations for the Chair position. Grey Murphy nominated John Vehar as Board Chair. No more nominations. Grey Murphy motioned that John Vehar be appointed as Chairman, Paul Kovacic 2nd, Vote: Unanimous. Call for a nomination of Board Clerk. Paul Kovacic nominated Randy Mifflin. John Vehar nominated Grey Murphy. Went to a written ballot vote. Ballot count, majority voted for Grey Murphy. John Vehar motioned to accept Grey Murphy as clerk, Paul Kovacic 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
- C. AFDA conference: Chief discussed with the board about the future of small district to get the financial help they need from the government since prop 310 failed. The small districts have nominated him to represent them with AFDA to request that reinstate the position on the Executive board that represents the small districts. The small district has nominated Chief Niehuis to also represent them and bring their issues to the government officials to get their voice heard. The Board state that Chief Niehuis has t their full support. Board members discussed how the conference helps them to go over the statutory requirements again and have a deeper understanding.
- D. Selection of Date and Time of Board meeting for 2023: The board discussed staying with the same dates and times that they had in 2022 but updating them to the 2023 calendar. Grey Murphy motioned that the board accept the 2023 dates and times, Paul Kovacic 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
- E. Letter to state official requesting extension of ARPA funding and a trip to meet in person: John Vehar and Chief Niehuis discussed how the ARPA has extra money to continue to fund the extra staff. John Vehar motioned to send letters to government officials and to meet in the future with them to request funding. Randy Mifflin 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous All board members signed the letter.
- F. AFG grant review of quotes and selection of vendor: Two quotes came to the board for review from 2 vendors. It was discussed that there are only 2 vendors in our state that can prove us with quotes. After discussion about the quotes and the vendors with administration the board decided to go with LN Curtis for both quotes. Grey Murphy motioned that we accept the 2 quotes LN Curtis for this AFG grant. Randy Mifflin 2nd, Vote: Yes Unanimous
- G. Time and date to go to National Bank: To set up signers on our accounts at National Bank it was decided to all go on a Friday in February after 2:00 would work for all board members. Kathy Schlichting was directed to contact the bank and set up an appointment and notify the board.
- H. Shirt selections for board members: Board decided to go with heather gray for polo shirts and a blue oxford long sleeve shirt.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – 3-minute limit - Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Vernon Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire Board is not permitted to discuss or act on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion and legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter to be placed on a future agenda. The Fire Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law. **NONE**

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Follow up on item E. Chief evaluation.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Grey Murphy motioned to adjourn meeting, Gregg McClendon 2nd. Vote: Yes, Unanimous
Adjourn at 7:25 PM