

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
Held on December 27, 2023, AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:30 by John Vehar Board Chair
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** Present John Vehar, Grey Murphy, Gregg McClendon, Paul Kovacic. Randy Mifflin Absent
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER** by **Gregg McClendon**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** Assistant Chief Nick Perrone, Kathy Schlichting, Administration
5. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary- John Vehar notified the Board about the UTV being built for Vernon Fire District paid for by donations. Since Chief Niehuis is out on medical leave Assistant Chief Perrone will be Acting Chief until Chief Niehuis returns.
 - B. Chief's Report and discussion – See Attachment.
 - C. Financial Report and discussion Kathy Schlichting, Administration read JVG financial report for November 2023. Tax Revenue for November has not been recorded due to delay of county statements, non-Tax revenue for November was \$1,848, Expenses for November were \$385,219, with the grant expense being \$262,798 of the expense.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for November
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approved the November meeting minutes.
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Motion by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Paul Kovacic, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - B. **Discussion and possible action:** Apache County ordinance 2014-05 Outdoor fire ordinance. Grey Murphy motioned that the board sign the letter in support. 2nd Gregg McClendon. Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - C. **Discussion and possible action:** Conflict of Interest for Ryan Maher and Michelle Starkey. Grey Murphy motioned that the board accept the two conflicts of Interest with the restricted. 2nd Gregg McClendon. Discussion, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - D. **Discussion and possible action:** State Banking Fund to be tabled until next month.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action:** Resolution to go forward in selling Assets. Resolution 2023-005 was read in full. Grey Murphy motioned to approve resolution 2023-005 of selling the assets 2014 Int ambulance and the 2015 Chevy Tahoe, 2nd Gregg McClendon. Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous
 - F. **Discussion and possible action:** The finalized version of the 2024 Board Meeting Dates were presented by Kathy Schlichting. The consensus of the board was to agree to the final version.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action:** A copy of the Chief yearly evaluation was presented to the board with the direction from John Vehar. Asking all board members to return the evals to him via Kathy Schlichting in administration before 19th of January, 2024. Board should plan to give Chief Niehuis evaluation by the February board meeting if he is back from his medical leave.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – No Requests
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Update on the UTV, Mechanic, state fund, Chief Eval.
10. Paul Kovacic motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Grey Murphy, Call for the Vote, Vote: Yes Unanimous.
Adjourn at 6:24PM