

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022**

The Governing Board of the Northern Arizona Fire District met this 27th day of January 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting at the Fire Administration Building at 2600 E Northern Avenue, Kingman, Arizona.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chairman Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Board members present were Chairman Jim Bailey, Director John Bryant, Director Sue Wilkin, Director Sue Brown, Director Mike Collins was present via zoom.

Chairman Bailey introduced Chief Hoke from the Western Fire Chief’s Association to the other board members. Chief Hoke gave a brief description of his background and service in the industry.

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – The District may, but is not required to, give the public an opportunity to speak to any issue. A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) – 1 member from the community spoke and gave their opinion about current board members.

- Arthur Garnica

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Director Bryant moved to approve the consent agenda containing the following minutes as submitted. Seconded by Director Wilkin.

Regular Meeting minutes of December 16, 2021

Special Session minutes of January 5, 2022

Special Meeting minutes of January 12, 2022

Executive Session minutes of January 12, 2022

Special Meeting minutes of January 18, 2022

Executive Session minutes of January 18, 2022

Passed by unanimous decision.

6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Operation’s Report – Chief Scott gave his report in accordance with his memorandum and the Monthly Performance Report, both in the board packet.

B. Financial Report – No discussion.

C. Correspondence – The District received several phone calls from the community thanking the personnel for assistance.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE:**

A. **Approval of the December Financial Report.** Chairman Bailey made the motion to approve the December financial report as submitted. Director Wilkin seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. Passed by unanimous decision.

- B. Possible Executive Session for legal advice.** The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to ARS Sec. 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for NAFD regarding appointment of an Interim Fire Chief. Chairman Bailey made motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Director Wilkin. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously. Executive Session started at 6:25 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:23 pm.

Chairman Bailey admonished the board that executive sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(C).

- C. Appointment of Interim Fire Chief.** Director Bryant made motion to move forward with Golden Valley Fire District to see if they are interested in a possible management agreement and to continue looking over resumes from other candidates that are received for the interim fire chief position. Seconded by Director Wilkin. No additional discussion. Passed unanimously.

- D. Possible Executive Session for legal advice.** The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to ARS Sec. 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for NAFD regarding concerns raised by employee correspondence. Chairman Bailey made motion to go into executive session for legal advice pursuant to ARS Sec. 38-431.03(A)(3) for consultation with the attorney for NAFD concerns raised by employee correspondence. Seconded by Director Wilkin. Director Bryant stated to the audience that when the Board goes into executive session, they are allowed to only discuss one item at a time. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session started at 7:27 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

Chairman Bailey admonished the board that executive sessions are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(C).

- E. Review, discussion, possible action regarding concerns raised by employee correspondence.** The Board received two letters from Kenneth Cameron and Joseph Baca regarding their concerns. The Board discussed topic points of the letters, Chairman Bailey stated the Board is for administrative oversight and does not cover operations. He encouraged the personnel to attend the meetings to voice any concerns they may have. Topics discussed were personnel being encouraged to attend meetings, loss of personnel, retention, engine replacement, the board receiving notice of IGA agreement with Kingman expiring and the current status of the Interim Fire Chief position.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – No discussion.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Wilkin seconded it. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Paris Schuman on February 1, 2022.

James Bailey
James Bailey, Board Chairman

Mike Collins
Mike Collins, Board Clerk