

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES  
September 28, 2021 5:30 p.m. at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ 85940

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Time: 5:30 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: John Vehar, Randy Mifflin, Paul Kovacic, Adrian Aldredge. David Peelman excused
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS.** Captain Kevin Vickers.
5. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - A. **Chair Summary** – No Summary
  - B. **Chief's Report** – See attachment.
  - C. **Financial Report** – This is the August Financial report. We started the month with \$112,448.60 and ended with \$78,731.97 County funds, \$142,189.65 in special revenue, \$12284.98 in Payroll. We spent \$123,055.82 in August.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. The Board has reviewed the financial report for August 2021.
  - B. The Board has reviewed and approve the August 2021 meeting minutes.
7. **BUSINESS**
  - A. **Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda.** Adrian Aldredge motioned to accept consent agenda as written. Randy Mifflin 2nd. Vote: Yes Unanimous, David Peelman absent
  - B. **Discussion and possible Action: Resolution 2021-005, designate Chief Niehuis as agent for VFD with the AZDOEM.** Resolution was read Randy Mifflin motion to accept resolution, Paul Kovacic second. Vote: Yes unanimous, David Peelman absent.
  - C. **Discussion and Possible Action: Employee funded retirement.** Paul Kovacic explained how the 457b retirement employee funded retirement worked. After discussion the consensus was that the Chief would contact Nationwide and see if they can come out and discuss it with the employees.
  - E. **Discussion and Possible Action: Grants,** Chief shared with the board the grants that the department have applied and the lack of success. We did not get the SAFER grant but reapply for it next year. We are currently applying for APRA funding from the government, Pascua-Yaqui Gaming assistance grant, and looking to find a SCBA grant. We may be given some vehicles from other Fire Districts.  
**Chief requested for the Chair to returned to item B. Chief's Report,** Chair called for a motion, Adrian Aldredge motioned, Paul Kovacic second. Chief informed the Board members about the increase population in Vernon area of people testing positive to COVID. Chief explained the protocol that the Fire Station and the staff are taking to reduce exposure to them and to reduce the spread.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Captain Kevin wanted to commend the Chief in his efforts on bring more benefits to the staff such as this self-funded retirement. Also recognized the Chief's efforts on seeking ways such as grants to help provide more staff per shift.
9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Changing Dispatch services
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Randy Mifflin, Adrian Aldredge 2<sup>nd</sup>: VOTE: YES, Unanimous  
Time: 6:35 pm