

VERNON FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERNON
FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

June 25, 2024, AT 5:00 PM at the Vernon Library

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 5:00 pm**
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**, Present Greg McClendon, John Vehar, Paul Kovacic, on the phone Randy Mifflin, and Grey Murphy.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER** By Chief Niehuis
Call to the Public to discuss the Tentative 2025 Budget. No public present.
Adjourn the public hearing at 5:03

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

4. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING at 5:05**
5. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** Present Greg McClendon, John Vehar, Paul Kovacic, on the phone Randy Mifflin, and Grey Murphy.
6. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**, Chief Niehuis, Assist. Chief Perrone, Administrative Staff Kathy Schlichting, Wendy Sharp, Ben Archer Clowes,
Captain Petersen, FF Chris Allman, FF Carlock, Wildland FF Wielmon
7. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. **Chair Summary** John Vehar gave recognition to Captain Petersen for excellent performance as PIO and for her passing her training to be only few people in the state holding the credentials as a
 - B. **Financial Report and discussion**: Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for May 2024. Tax Revenue collected for May 2024 is \$108,774, non-Tax revenue for May 2024 was 78,106. Expenses for May 2024 were \$130,790
 - C. **Chief's Report and discussion** – See attached Chief's report.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for May 2024
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approve the May 2024 meeting minutes.
9. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board approve the consent agenda. Motion to approve by Paul Kovacic, 2nd by Grey Murphy, Call for the vote. Vote unanimous
 - B. **Discussion and possible action**: Tentative Budget John Vehar motioned that they adopt the tentative budget as written with a 3.75 milrate. Randy Mifflin 2nd the motion, call for a roll call vote, Vote is unanimous
 - C. **Discussion and possible action**: Fire district property off of Hwy 61. Discussion whether to keep the property between the board an the Chiefs. The board was unanimous to keep the property for now.
 - D. **Discussion and possible action**: Update on vehicles and UTV. The UTV is having a transmission replaced. Shope 104 Engine had to have the ICR and air condition replaced. B 251 the 2011 brush truck is having a radiator replaced but previous owner is paying for it. Items that the board gave permission to sell is one of the ambulances which the engine froze so it will be sold as is and the 2002 Brush truck trying to get \$25,000.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action**: Update on Grants and other funding. Assistant Chief Perrone discussed that he has applied for another fuel mitigation grant. The WFEA forestry grant which we were awarded for the purchase of a tender and have 89,000 to use still. AC Perrone is in discussion with the forestry about if we can use the left-over money in fixing a vehicle or using the money for other items. Will let the board know next month. Perrone also stated he will be going for another grant from Fire House Sub for more extrication equipment
 - F. **Discussion and possible action**: Cell Tower tabled until next month Chief Niehuis will check on it.

- G. **Discussion and possible action:** Wildland. Captain Vickers has completed his task book for engine boss. The red card committee will review and decide in July. Captain Vickers will be our second engine boss. We will have the ability to send out a type 3 and Type 6. AC Perrone stated that they are still working on getting a Fireline medic team to be qualified
- H. **Discussion and possible action:** Update Dustin Padilla estate and Attorney. The estate has not reached out to the board even though administration has reached out 3 times this last month. It was discussed that they go forward with selling the stored items through an auctioneer. The board discussed the need of getting an opinion from an attorney. Consensus from the board was in agreement to seek a local attorney. Administration was asked to find one and relay the information to the Chairman. John Vehar will report back to the board next month.
- I. **Discussion and possible action:** Conflict of Interest for Lisa Mifflin . The board discussed her position as a billing/office clerk and does not see where there would be a conflict in her current position. The board agreed unanimously except, Randy Mifflin abstained,
- J. **Discussion and possible action:** Update on County Issues. Kathy Schlichting discussed the only issued of the two outstanding to warrants 7347 for \$9,941.19 and ending in 7365 for a \$153.76 (which was a void) . The county reassured me that they will be adjusted on June activity report.

10. 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 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.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS ISO, Grants, Vehicles, Chief Evaluation, Elections, Cell Tower, VFIS, County , Declaration to County Compliant of not overspending.

A. ADJOURNMENT Randy Mifflin motioned to adjourn, Gregg McClendon second , Call for the vote. Vote unanimous
Adjourn at 6:30 PM