

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
3/25/2026 AT 5:30 PM AT THE VERNON LIBRARY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF VERNON FIRE DISTRICT, 25 ACR 3142, VERNON, AZ 85940. PHONE: (928) 537-4895.

1. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING**, Board Chair John Vehar called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**, John Vehar, Gregg McClendon, Randy Mifflin, Grey Murphy
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE AND PRAYER**, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, and Randy Mifflin said prayer over the meeting.
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**, Wendy Sharp, Chief Connolly, BC Kevin Vickers, Captain Sarah Jones, Justin Jones, Captain Brittney Husaker, Firefighter Crystal Murrey, Firefighter Chris Allman, Captain Brandon Green, Aubrey Green, Barry Green, Firefighter Andrew Dick, Dirk Dick, Oaklynn Dick, Sy Lakosky, Maechele Lakosky, Cory Lakosky
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public, no public comments made.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar had nothing to say for chair summary.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Archer Clowes gave monthly financial report for the month of February. Key Points, revenue for the month of February is \$23,301, which is under budget by \$13,074. Tax revenue for February is \$19,787, which is under budget by \$14,180. Non-Tax revenue for February is \$3,513, which is over budget by \$1,105. Expenses for February are \$69,075, which is under budget by \$7,574. Personnel cost are over budget \$3,541, driven by higher than anticipated uniforms. Vehicles & equipment is under budget \$4,226, driven by the timing of repairs and maintenance. Communication/IT is under budget \$2,926, driven by less than anticipated computer software. Year to date total revenue is \$1,080,860, which is over budget by \$168,813. Year to date expense is \$1,047,879, which is over budget by \$142,822. Cash is \$773,494
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – 55 total calls from February 20, 2026-March 20, 2026. No Wildland assignments. Miscellaneous items, Captain Jones attended the Wildland Academy for four days. Captain Jones has been asked to be the Team 2 Public Information Officer (in/out of state) and is the Team 3 (in-state) Public Information Officer (PIO). C shift assisted Vernon Elementary with their "Reading Night" and also with "Reward Day" for the students. Station 1 is having septic tank repairs done to fix septic issues. Vernon Fire District Facebook views are up 81%. Upcoming events, 3/28/2026 Family BBQ for all full-time staff, 4/4/2026 Easter Egg Hunt at Vernon Park, 4/23/2026 Trauma Conference in Snowflake AZ.
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of February 2026.
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for February 25, 2026
 - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Randy Mifflin motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Grey Murphy seconded the motion. John Vehar called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action: Badge pinning for Captain Brandon Green & Firefighter Andrew Dick**. Chief Connolly pinned both Captain Green & Firefighter Dick in front of family and friends. Both recited the Oath of Honor.
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Grants**, Still waiting on Del E Webb grant, put in for 100 Club and working on Lowes grant for Station repairs.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**, Engine 26 is out of service getting repairs needed to sell (approved by Board), E25 wiring repairs, motion to approve repairs to E25 was made by Randy Mifflin and seconded by Gregg McClendon all in favor, BC26 needs repairs, Attack 25 good, Brush 25 and Tactile Tender 253 both ready for Wildland season.
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: SOP for Vernon Fire District Chaplain**, motion was made by Grey Murphy and seconded by Gregg McClendon all in favor.
 - K. **Discussion and possible action: Station 3 property**, Board of Directors had meeting to vote on rezoning to commercial use will have update next Board meeting.
 - L. **Discussion and possible action: VFD support shirts for sale to the public**, Board agrees and are in favor of selling support shirts to the public. After a mockup is ready it will be presented to Board for final approval of design and price.
 - M. **Discussion and possible action: Upcoming 2026 Board Elections**, John Vehar explained the process for Board Elections and gave Wendy Sharp/Administration instruction to give notification to Apache County Elections for 2026 Elections.

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ADJOURNMENT, Motion to adjourn made by Grey Murphy seconded by Randy Mifflin, all in favor. John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 6:29pm