

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

10/28/2025 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**, meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**, present were Gregg McClendon, Tony Anderson, John Vehar, Grey Murphy and Randy Mifflin via phone.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE AND PRAYER**, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Randy Mifflin prayed for the meeting.
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**, Wendy Sharp, Chief John Connolly, Ben Clowes with JVG Accounting on Zoom, BC Kevin Vickers, Acting Captain Chris Allman, Firefighter Brittney Hunsaker, Firefighter Crystal Murrey along with eight family members, Firefighter Brad Pagnini along with seven family members, Reserve Andrew Dick,
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public; Paula Johnson made a comment Thanking Vernon Fire for allowing people to drop off donations at the Station and that she is looking forward to the VFD Trunk or Treat on Halloween.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar spoke during his chair report on, attending the two Timber Mesa Firefighters funerals along with the fund raiser at The House in Show Low after the funerals.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Clowes with JVG gave the financial report for the month of September. Key points: Revenue for the month of September is \$171,928, which is over budget by \$108,156. Tax revenue for September is \$34,972, which is over budget by \$15,275. Non-Tax revenue for September is \$136,956, which is over budget by \$92,881. Wildland revenue for September is \$62,664. Expenses for September are \$195,607, which is over budget by \$83,711. Personnel expenses are over budget by \$13,696, driven by wildland. Vehicles & Equipment is over budget by \$68,830, driven by vehicle repairs and maintenance. Year to date total revenue is \$256,106, which is over budget by \$94,605. Year to date expenses is \$412,435, which is over budget by \$61,510. Cash is \$609,226 as of September 30, 2025.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief John Connolly reported a total of 80 calls in September. Training hours per shift: A shift 60 hours, B shift 112 hours and C shift 127 hours. Wildland assignments: None. Miscellaneous items: Fire Grant Management class on September 30th and November 1st for Wendy. WUI Conference October 28-30 in Prescott- Sarah/ Patterson. CPR class October 24th/ Trunk or Treat on October 31st. Community Meeting scheduled for November 10th at 6pm in the library (rezoning to commercial possibility). Facebook reached up to 63%, views up 64%, new followers: 444
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of September
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 9/23/2025
8. **BUSINESS**
 - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Tony Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Grey Murphy seconded the motion. Grey Murphy called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action:** New Employee, Oath of Office/ Swear in of full-time Firefighter Brad Pagnini and full-time Firefighter Crystal Murrey
 - H. **Discussion and possible action:** Vehicles, Engine 251 returned from Fire Truck Solutions after repairs on Insurance claim from wreck, will be placed back in service beginning of November. Tender 253 getting A/C repaired. No other vehicle updates.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action:** Grants, all grants on hold during Government shut down
 - J. **Discussion and possible action:** Cost to sell Challenge coins to public and Board members, Motion to sell coins at \$5 per coin made by Grey Murphy, seconded by Gregg McClendon, all in favor
 - K. **Discussion and possible action:** Employee Issues, Motion was made to end regular session at 6:13pm by Grey Murphy, seconded by Tony Anderson. Executive session began at 6:14pm and ended at 6:26pm. John Vehar reopened regular session at 6:27pm
9. **Discussion and possible action:** FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Grants, vehicles, LODD policy, BC Vickers Roll, AFDA Conference, First Due, RIMS and Dispatch, Employee Issues update.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**, Motion to adjourn made by Gregg McClendon seconded by Grey Murphy, John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 6:30pm