

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

6/24/2026 AT 5:00 PM AT THE VERNON LIBRARY

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

Public Hearing for FY 26/27 Budget: Called to order for Public comments at 5:00pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING**, Board Chair John Vehar called the meeting to order at 5:10pm
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**, John Vehar, Grey Murphy, Gregg McClendon, Randy Mifflin & Tony Anderson
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE AND PRAYER**, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Randy Mifflin said prayer over the meeting.
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**, Wendy Sharp, Chief Connolly, Ben Archer-Clowes with JVG accounting, Captain Green, Firefighter Allman and public members: Tina & Paul Bird, Russell Brown, Beth Dales, Paul Kovacic, Paula Johnson, Andy & Kristi Huyck.
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public, public asked about wind farm projects, Vernon Day reminder and an invitation was given to the Board to join the next Community Meeting.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar had nothing to add for Chair report.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Archer-Clowes with JVG accounting gave the Financial report for the month of May, 2026. Key points given: Revenue for the month of May is \$135,772, which is under budget by \$92,810. Tax revenue for May is \$110,496, which is under budget by \$53,011. Non-Tax revenue for May is \$25,276, which is under budget by \$39,799, driven by wildland. Expenses for May are \$ 72,989, which is under budget by \$39,252. Personnel cost are under budget \$24,129 & travel & training is under budget \$5,626 both driven by wildland. Year to date total revenue is \$1,366,941, which is over budget by \$ 84,833. Year to date expense is \$1,350,635, which is over budget by \$104,751. Cash is \$730,384 as of May 31, 2026.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief Connolly gave Chief report. Total of 63 calls from 5/20/26 to 6/21/26. Wildland assignments: Type 6 on the Pocket fire in Sedona, AZ. We sent out three of our Wildland firefighters to assist Taylor/Snowflake on Pocket Fire. A Wildland Firefighter sharing program for the region is being discussed between local agencies. Stage 2 fire restrictions will be going into affect. BC Vickers and Captain Hunsaker badge pinning will be held on July 22, 2026 Board meeting. We will be sending Captain Jones & Captain Hunsaker to Summit Hospital for BLS Instructor training on July 28, 2026 with the American Heart Association. Met with Summit Hospital regarding the possibility of a clinic/urgent care in our area. Upcoming events: July 6th, Vernon Kids day. August 1st, Vernon Day event.
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of May, 2026
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 5/27/2026
 - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Randy Mifflin motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Gregg McClendon seconded the motion. John Vehar called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action: Adopt FY 26/27 Budget**, Motion was made by Grey Murphy to approve FY 26/27 Budget and seconded by Tony Anderson, all voted and all approved unanimously.
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**, as of 7/1/26 all vehicles will be renumbered to match Show Low dispatch new SOP. E125 back in service with new brakes, Attack 125 unavailable for wildland. Request was made to the Board to approve pump repairs needed on Tender truck, Motion to approve was made by Randy Mifflin and seconded by Grey Murphy, all in favor.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: Grants**, NAEMS awarded \$2,100 for EMS supplies. Submitted: Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$780,000 requesting a Type 3 & new Command vehicle. Fire Prevention and Safety Grant \$39,800 requesting a digital sign board, 200 smoke alarms, and to rent a woodchipper for fuels mitigation. Lowes for \$25,000 for new station flooring. AZ GOH \$17,326 for extrication equipment for ATK25. Dept of Interior for two skid units (pump intake). Letter was submitted to BLM & AZDFFM to participate in their vehicle acquisition program.
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: Station 3 property updates**, met with Summit Hospital regarding the possibility of a clinic/urgent care in our area, also in contact with Maverick.

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ADJOURNMENT, Motion to adjourn made by Randy Mifflin seconded by Tony Anderson, all in favor. John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 5:50pm