

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
8/26/2026 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**, Gregg McClendon, Tony Anderson, John Vehar, Randy Mifflin and Greg Murphy
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, Captain Jones, Justin Jones, Paul Kovacic, Don Maxwell, Susan Maxwell, Andy Huyck, Kristi Huyck, Margaret Weir-Sangalli, Ed Sangalli, Michael Samuel and Mike Lara.
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public, Paul Kovacic spoke on concerns of the Windfarm project and made a request for Board Chair to resign. Don Maxwell spoke concerns of Windfarm project and asked to be but on next months Agenda. Susan Maxwell spoke concerns of Windfarm projects. Andy Huyck spoke concerns of Windfarm project. Margaret Weir-Sangalli and Mike Lara both also spoke concerns on Windfarm project coming to our area.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar stated that Vernon Day was a big hit this year.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Jacob York with JVG accounting gave Financial Report via Teams for July, 2026. Key points: Revenue for the month of July is \$6,914, which is under budget by \$43,230. Tax revenue for July is \$4,018, which is under budget by \$509. Non-Tax revenue for July is \$2,896, which is under budget by \$42,721, driven by Wildland. Wildland revenue for July is \$0. Expenses for July are \$128,967, which is under budget by \$589. Personnel cost are over budget \$9,401, driven by Wildland. Vehicles & Equipment is under budget \$5,991, driven by timing of vehicle repairs and maintenance. Cash is \$586,341 as of July 31, 2026.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief Connolly gave his Chief report, total number of calls from July 20, 2026- August 24, 2026 was 53. Wildland Assignment: Pocket Fire in Sedona brought in \$73,913. Miscellaneous: Captain Jones needs to teach one CPR class through Summit Hospital before we can offer classes to the public and staff. Upcoming events: Fire School during week of September 9th-13th, Halloweenie Roast/ Trunk or Treat October 31st at the Vernon Park.
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of July, 2026
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 7/22/2026
 - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Grey Murphy motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Randy Mifflin seconded the motion. John Vehar called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**, Engine 125 still out of service in shop getting repairs needed after engine fire. Tender 125 & T126 both need pumps replaced, Brush 126 out of service removing pump & tank, Attack 125 needs break booster and siren repairs, all other fleet vehicles in service with no issues.
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Grants**, Captain Jones gave updates on grants, NAEMS grant was received for EMS supplies in the amount of \$2,100. We currently have 1.4 million dollars in grants out still pending for approval and acceptance. Working on 100 Club grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for Compressor fill station for SCBA's. Future 2027 Grants, DFFM for a Type 3 or Type 6, Gila River, RAC and Dickey's BBQ.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: County Funds Resolution 2026-02**, resolution was signed and to be sent to Apache County Finance.
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: Revision of By-Laws**, Gregg McClendon spoke on the need to revise the Vernon Fire District Board By-Laws. Motion was made to create a sub-comity to work on process. Motion made by John Vehar and seconded by Tony Anderson. Sub-comity will consist of two Board members, John Vehar and Gregg McClendon. Randy Mifflin will speak with Timber Mesa Fire and Medical to see how theirs is set up for ideas on revision of the Vernon Fire Board By-Laws.
 - K. **Discussion and possible action: Update of Chief Evaluation form**, Gregg McClendon would like to see the Chief Evaluation form be updated. Randy Mifflin will speak with Timber Mesa Fire and Medical to see how theirs is set up for ideas on how to improve the evaluation form used by the Vernon Fire Board.
 - L. **Discussion and possible action: BDR Richards CPA, Audit Services Proposal**, Jacob York with JVG gave a brief description of the company and explained how they work hand in hand with BDR Richards CPA with many other small Districts. Motion to approve BDR Richards CPA proposal made by Grey Murphy and seconded by Tony Anderson, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Don Maxwell Windfarm presentation in respects to Emergency Services, Vehicles, Grants, Revision of By-Laws

ADJOURNMENT, Motion to adjourn made by Grey Murphy seconded by Tony Anderson, all in favor. John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 6:56pm