

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
1/28/2026 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**, present were John Vehar, Grey Murphy, Gregg McClendon, Tony Anderson and Randy Mifflin.
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, BC Kevin Vickers, Ben Archers Clowes with JVG, and past Board member Paul Kovacic
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public, nothing from the public

6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar reminded everyone of Community event at Vernon Elementary for Wind Farm Project on January 29, 2026. January 31st there will be a Soup kitchen held at Vernon Park at 6:00pm which is being put on by Paula Johnson.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Archers with JVG started with the fact that his accounting firm is very happy with the way the District has been able to stabilize the Districts cash position. Key points made by Ben Archers are Revenue for the month of December is \$236,217 which is under budget by \$4,616. Tax revenue for December is \$109,072 which is under budget by \$16,352. Non-Tax revenue for December is \$127,145 which is over budget by \$11,737. Wildland revenue for December is \$0. Expenses for December are \$75,093 which is under budget by \$1,556. Vehicles & Equipment is under budget \$1,716, driven by timing of vehicle repairs and maintenance. Communication/IT is over budget \$5,789 driven by timing of new fire communication services. Managerial expenses are under budget \$1,889 driven by timing of accounting/audit invoices. Year to date total revenue is \$927,698 which is over budget by \$186,131. Year to date expense is \$853,777 which is over budget by \$117,255. Cash is \$824,265 as of December 31, 2025.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief Connolly gave the Chief report, Total calls from December 11, 2025 to January 26, 2026 was 49. Training hours per shift was 82 hours for A-Shift, 124 B-Shift and 117 C-Shift. No Wildland assignments. Miscellaneous items : Captain Jones is now PIO of the White Mountain Region Team 3, Captains testing set for February 7, 2026. Apache County Meeting rescheduled for March 4, 2026 on Rezoning property on Highway 61. White Mountain Regional Dispatch has officially began as of January 20, 2026.
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of December

7. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 12/16/2025
 - E. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Grey Murphy 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.
 - F. **Discussion and possible action: Grants**- No updates currently
 - G. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**- vehicle numbering has changed due to the new Dispatch with White Mountain Reginal Dispatch Center, Engine E251 is now E25, E252 is E26, Attack 251 is ATK25 & Tender T251 is now T25, Brush trucks & Command/Support vehicles have also be changed. E25 currently has wiring issues. ATK25 has an ongoing battery drain. The two older Water Tenders are having pump issues, E26 is still in shop for high pressure oil pump, per our records this will be the 7th time being replaced or fixed. Need to purchase and install storage boxes on new Tactical Tender T253. Need replacement box put on Brush truck BR25.
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Dispatch updates**- First Due app up and running for scheduling of shifts, time off request, and trades.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: End of year Wildland updates**- Wildland crews went out on a total of 54 assignments in 2025, total net profit for the year was \$97,533.76
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: Summertime First Responders Day**- it was decided by Board that we will be holding off on setting date until further notice.

Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Vehicles, Dispatch, Board member Randy Mifflin becoming Chaplen for Vernon Fire District and Triple Oak Wind Project.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**, Motion to adjourn made by Randy Mifflin seconded by Grey Murphy. John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 6:40pm