

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**4/22/2026 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, Tony Anderson, Gregg McClendon, Randy Mifflin and Grey 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 John Connolly, BC Kevin Vickers, Ben Archer Clowes, Paula Johnson, Tom Lovejoy
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public, no public comments.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
  - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar stated that the Fire Chiefs yearly evaluation will be done at the next Board meeting in May
  - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Archer Clowes with James Vincent Group gave key point on March 2026 Financial report: Revenue for the month of March is \$21,456, which is under budget by \$1,702. Tax revenue for March is \$17,104 which is under budget by \$3,646. Non-Tax revenue for March is \$4,352 which is over budget by \$1,944. Wildland revenue for March was \$0. Expenses for March are \$91,813 which is over budget by \$15,164. Personnel Costs are over budget by \$4,606, driven by higher than anticipated uniforms and wages. Buildings & Land are over budget by \$2,877 driven by timing of facility repairs and maintenance (septic repairs). Vehicles & Equipment is over budget by \$7,046 driven by timing of vehicle repairs and maintenance. Year to Date total revenue is \$1,102,316 which is over budget by \$167,111. Year to date expense is \$1,142,775 which is over budget by \$161,069. Cash is \$716,449 as of March 31, 2026.
  - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief Connolly gave Chief report, total number of calls was 44 from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. No wildland assignments. Miscellaneous items, Captain Jones, Captain Hunsaker and Firefighter Dick attending the Trauma in the White Mountains Conference 4/23 and 4/24. Septic tank repair 4/2/26. Leave Behind Narcan Training completed. Upcoming events, Vernon Preschoolers and Kindergarteners doing a Station tour 4/30/26. Benefit for Justine Mill's husband 4/29/26 (Show Low Recreation building). Pinetop Fire Chief Morgan retirement party at The Lion's Den 5/7/26.
  - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of March 2026
  - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 3/25/2026
  - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Tony Anderson 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: Budget Workshop**, presented by Ben Archer Clowes with James Vincent Group. Budget was discussed between Accountant and Board members. Vernon Fire is seeing an increase of assessed value which has not happened in the past. Ben explained how the budget works and discussed where we will be increasing and decreasing spending.
  - H. **Discussion and possible action: Call for Elections**, John Vehar, Board Chair called for a motion to do a Call for Elections for the Vernon Fire District Board for three open positions. Randy Mifflin, John Vehar and Gregg McClendon terms ends on December 1, 2026. Elections will be held on November 3, 2026 during the General Elections. Motion to call for elections was made by John Vehar seconded by Grey Murphy, all in favor.
  - I. **Discussion and possible action: Grants**, currently have five grants out with no word on Del E Webb grant.
  - J. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**, Engine 26 (E26) is down at the shop need to repair and sell (Board approved) E26 repairs being done in house, Battalion (BC26) needs a lot of repairs, Attack (ATK25) is running good, Brush (B25) ready for Wildland season, Tactical Tender (T253) ready for Wildland season.
  - K. **Discussion and possible action: Station 3 Property**, Planning and Zoning along with Board of Supervisors both approved the re-zoning of Station 3 property from residential to commercial.
  - L. **Discussion and possible action: Pay Scale**, motion was made to approve revised pay scale. Motion made by Grey Murphy and seconded by Randy Mifflin with all in favor.
  - M. **Discussion and possible action: Pay off Zoll Lease**, motion was made to approve the payoff of Zoll lease equipment. Motion made by Randy Mifflin and seconded by Tony Anderson with all in favor.
  - N. **Discussion and possible action: BC Vickers Position**, motion was made to make the Battalion Chief position permanent for Kevin Vickers, pending BC testing process. Motion was made by Grey Murphy and seconded by Gregg McClendon.

**Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Vehicles, Grants, Station 3 property & Tower if any updates, update on BC Testing.

**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 6:34pm.