

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
2/25/2026 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 Grey Murphy, John Vehar, Randy Mifflin, Tony Anderson and Gregg McClendon
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, BC Vickers, Chief Connolly and Ben Archer Clowes with JVG Accounting
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 had nothing to report on during Chair summary
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Archer Clowes gave the monthly financial report for the month of January. Key points, revenue for the month of January is \$129,861, which is under budget by \$4,244. Tax revenue for January is \$128,103, which is under budget by \$3,594. Non-Tax revenue for January is \$1,759, which is under budget by \$649. Expenses for January are \$124,334, which is over budget by \$32,448. Personnel costs are over budget \$21,391, driven by higher than anticipated personal wages. Vehicles & equipment is over budget \$7,455, driven by timing of vehicle repairs and maintenance. Communication/IT is over budget \$4,771, driven by higher than anticipated computer equipment. Year to date total revenue is \$1,057,559, which is over budget by \$181,887. Year to date expense is \$978,029, which is over budget by \$149,621. Cash is \$830,691 as of January 31, 2026.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief Connolly reported a total of 25 calls between January 26, 2026- February 20, 2026. No significant calls and no wildland assignments. Miscellaneous items are Captain testing on February 7, 2026 went well. Congratulations to Brandon Green and Brittney Hunsaker made Captains position. Round Valley Fire and Timber Mesa Fire assisted in interview process. Badge pinning will be done at next Board meeting on March 25, 2026. Dr. Johnson gave us the green light to begin EMS training for in-house members. We will begin CPR/BLS instructor training in the next few months with Summit Hospital and American Red Cross. Sending two staff members to Kingman, AZ on February 26th and 27th for VFIS instructor training.
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of January 2026
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 1/09/2026 and 1/28/2026
 - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Randy Mifflin 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: Grants**, no word on Del E Webb grant, we will be putting in for a 50/50 grant with the State of Arizona and a grant with AZ DFFM for a slip-on tank.
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**, Engine 25 re-wire equipment is in wiring job will be completed in the next week. Engine 26 is back in service, Attack 25 has a battery issue, Brush 25 is getting rust mitigation work and a box replacement, Tactical Tender 253 getting box mounted and tools have been ordered.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: Randy Mifflin for Chaplen of Vernon Fire District**, motion made to appoint Randy Mifflin as Vernon Fire District Chaplen made by Tony Anderson and seconded by Grey Murphy, all in favor excluding Randy Mifflin.
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: Policy for NCJ (Noncriminal Justice Agency) Fingerprinting**, motion to accept policy update made by Grey Murphy and seconded by Randy Mifflin, all in favor.
 - K. **Discussion and possible action: Resolution for Subscription increase**, resolution was signed and recorded.
 - L. **Discussion and possible action: Hooded sweatshirt order for Board members**, hoodies to be ordered by VFD Administration and paid for by Board members.
- Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Badge pinning for Brandon Green and Andrew Dick, Grants, Vehicles, Board Elections and Commnet Towers
7. **ADJOURNMENT**, Motion to adjourn made by Grey Murphy seconded by Randy Mifflin, all in favor. John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 6:04pm