

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
7/22/2026 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, Randy Mifflin, Tony Anderson, Grey Murphy 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, Chief Connolly, BC Kevin Vickers, Ben Archer Clowes with JVG, Paula Johnson, FF Toby Carlock, FF Devon Farris, FF Brad Pagnini, Captain Sarah Jones, Captain Brittney Hunsaker, Daniel Hochtein, Rickey Malott, Ken Bert, Karina Hunsaker, Josie Hunsaker, Taliah Vickers, Brittany Vickers, Tegan Vickers, Denzyl Vickers, and Justin Jones
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public, Daniel Hochenson asked what Vernon Fire District's stand on the wind projects is. Paula Johnson reminded everyone about the upcoming Vernon Day event.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar had nothing to add.
 - G. Discussion and possible action: Badge Pinning, BC Vickers and Captain Hunsaker**
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Archer Clowes with JVG gave July report via Teams. Key point: Revenue for the month of July is \$6,914, which is under budget \$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 Costs are over budget \$9,401, driven by wildland. Vehicles and 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 Chief report, total calls from June 21- July 20, 2026, was 58. Wildland Assignments: Type 6, Brush 126 returned from Pocket Fire in Sedona (3-week assignment). Wildland sharing program for region is being discussed with Taylor/Snowflake Fire. All fire restrictions were lifted on July, 15th. Captain Jones will be doing BLS Instructor training on July 28th at Summit Hospital with the American Heart Association. Upcoming events: Vernon Day on August 1st and Fire School during the week of September 7th-13th.
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of June, 2026
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 6/24/2026
 - 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: Item line was moved**
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles**, Wildland Type 2, E126 out of service for sale. E125, breaks and AC fixed. Wildland Type 6, B25 in shop for fuel pump replacement. Tender 25 & 26 need pump replacement. No current issues with rest of fleet vehicles.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: Grants**, Submitted: Assistance to Firefighters Grant- \$780,000 requesting Type 3 and command vehicle (cost sharing is \$37,142). Fire Prevention and Safety Grant- \$39,800 requesting a digital sign board, 200 smoke alarms and to rent a woodchipper each month during fuel mitigation (cost sharing \$1,895). Lowes Grant- \$25,000 for new station flooring at Station 1. AZ GOH- \$17,326 for extrication equipment for ATK25. DOI- 2 skid units. Fire House Subs- 6 chain saws, 3 structure & 3 wildland. FEMA Disaster Preparedness- \$98,000, requesting command vehicle and enclosed disaster trailer. VFD was awarded the NAEMS Grant of \$2,100 for EMS supplies.
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: SOP on Call-in Policy**, motion to approve was made by Tony Anderson and seconded by Gregg McClendon, was approved by all.

Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Vehicles, Grants, Revision of By-Laws, Updated Chief evaluation form and Windfarm updates if any.

ADJOURNMENT, Motion to adjourn made by Tony Anderson and seconded by Gregg McClendon, all in favor. John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 5:59pm.