

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

9/23/2025 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**, meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**, present were Gregg McClendon, Tony Anderson, John Vehar and Grey Murphy. Randy Mifflin was on zoom
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE AND PRAYER**, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Randy Mifflin prayed for the meeting.
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**, Wendy Sharp, Chief John Connolly, Ben Clowes with JVG Accounting, Captain Sarah Jones, Acting Captain Chris Allman
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**, John Vehar gave the call to the public; there were no members of the public who gave comments.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Board Chair John Vehar spoke during his chair report on, income received this year since June 30th from wildland was around \$147,000, AFDA conference coming up and needing head count on who on the Board will be attending January 14th-16th, 2026. CPR class being held on October 24th, lastly spoke on the service times and dates for Brenna Kulikowski and Damon Thompson.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion – Ben Clowes with JVG gave the financial report for the month of September. Key points: Revenue for the month of August is \$70,014, which is over budget by \$19,592. Tax revenue for August is \$1,314, which is under budget by \$5,033. Non-Tax revenue for August is \$68,701, which is over budget by \$24,626. Wildland revenue for August is \$64,890. Expenses for August are \$115,117, which is over budget by \$3,221. Personnel expenses are over budget by \$12,910, driven by wildland. Vehicles & Equipment is under budget by \$4,385. Year to date total revenue is \$84,179, which is under budget by \$13,550. YTD expenses are \$216,178, which is under budget by \$22,851. Cash is \$701,427 as of August 31, 2025.
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – Chief John Connolly reported a total of 46 calls in August. Training hours per shift: A shift 70 hours, B shift 83 hours and C shift 85 hours. Wildland assignments: Washington Fire, Mike Godliski went out as a Task Force Leader trainee from Aug. 14th-28th. BC Vickers and four others from our District went out with our Type 6 from Aug. 28th-Sept 13th on a California fire. And we lent one of our wildland crew members to Greer Fire District as a single resource to assist Greer Fire on the Garnet Fire. Miscellaneous items: Two Firefighters have left Vernon Fire to pursue careers with other Agencies. September 20th there will be testing and interviews for the two open positions.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - D. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for the month of September
 - E. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for 8/26/2025
8. **BUSINESS**
 - F. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda. Tony Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Grey Murphy seconded the motion. Grey Murphy called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action: Grants:** Del E Webb was approved, working on a grant from the 100 Club
 - H. **Discussion and possible action: Vehicles:** update on wrecked Engine 251 waiting for pump test and addition needs.
 - I. **Discussion and possible action: Policy changes:** Motion to approve policy changes was made by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Gregg McClendon
 - J. **Discussion and possible action: Purchase of Challenge coins:** Motion to approve purchase was made by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Randy Mifflin
9. **Discussion and possible action: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Grants, vehicles, policy changes, Cost for challenge coins to sell to Board and public, Swear in of new employees
10. **ADJOURNMENT**, Motion to adjourn made by Grey Murphy, seconded by Gregg McClendon, John Vehar called for adjournment of the Vernon Fire District Board meeting at 6:25pm