



Yucca Fire District

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE YUCCA FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Yucca Fire District met in regular session on **Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.** The meeting was held at the Yucca Fire Station #1 located at 12349 Frontage Road, Yucca, AZ 96438. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER.

- Chairman Knowles called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Clerk Kayla Carr, Director Jim Fox, and Chairman Richard Knowles were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022

B. Special Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022

- Clerk Carr motioned to approve the minutes on the consent agenda as presented. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

5. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

A. July and August 2022 Operational Report. (Chief Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham reported the calls for July and August during the days the district was not staffed was 6 calls; 3 motor vehicle accidents, 3 service calls which were smoke investigations. Golden Valley ran on 5 calls and Desert Hills ran on 5. During the staffed days there were 18 calls; 4 EMS, 5 fire calls, 4 motor vehicle accident, 4 service calls, 1 false alarm. Total for both months was 24 calls.

B. Fire Chief's Report. *The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on this matter unless the specific matter is described in detail. Therefore, action taken as a result of the Chief's report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. (A.R.S. 38-431.02. K)*

- District properties
 - The A/C drain line was plugged and did some damage to the ceiling in the day room. We will be getting the tiles replaced.
- Equipment
 - We have applying for a couple of grants. One for a gas monitor that will detect 4 types of gas. Currently we do not have one. The other grant is for an EKG monitor, our current one is a LifePak 10 and they are up to the LifePak 15 now. We are having a hard time getting parts and they will not service the LifePak 10 anymore. This grant will probably be a cost sharing grant. These EKG monitors cost \$21,000 each and we are looking at a refurbished unit for about ½ the price.
 - With the current storms our generator has been working as it should. It does power the whole fire station.

- Water Tender 1328 had some work done on the air conditioning and it has been moved to Station 2.
- Attack 1325 had the emergency brake cable repaired; it will be moved to Station 2 soon. We are still stocking it with equipment and supplies.
- Projects in the Works
 - Three volunteers completed the drivers training course. More training is scheduled. We only have one of the three volunteers that has submitted their fingerprints for the background check.

6. BUSINESS. *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Approval of the July and August 2022 financial reports. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated the July income was \$5,302.78, expenses were \$18,343.81. August income \$4,070.59, expenses \$19,873.28. Bank balances ending August 31, 2022, warrant account \$138,885.80; retirement and pension account \$1,283.54; payroll account \$7,797.12. Total cash on hand \$147,966.46.
 - Clerk Carr motioned the approve the financial reports as presented. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Insurance renewal with VFIS for general liability and garage insurance. (Administration)

- Comptroller Kindelberger stated our insurance will renew on November 1st. The total cost is \$11,546, up from \$9,597.4. Increase is due to the addition of the brush truck and inflation.
 - Clerk Carr moved to approve the insurance renewal from VFIS. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Discussion only: Proposition 310 ballot initiative of 1/10 of 1 cent sales tax to help fund Arizona fire district; future town hall meeting regarding same. (Cunningham)

- Chief Cunningham stated that he wanted to inform the board of this ballot initiative. I am not indorsing, just giving information to the board and the public. I want to explain how this can help the fire district. For a long time, fire districts have been capped on our revenue. Property taxes are capped at 5%. I was able to pull numbers for Golden Valley Fire from 2008 and we are now receiving half of what we received in 2008. That goes for all fire districts across the state. Back in 2008 Yucca was a volunteer department, and that drop may not have been as noticeable due to the expenses being lower for a volunteer department. Proposition 310 was passed by the legislative and made it to the ballot for the people to decide. This sales tax increase is 1/10th of 1%, so if you spend \$10.00 it would cost .01 cent, spend \$1,000 will cost you \$1.00. This should generate about \$150 million in revenue for the 144 fire districts in Arizona. It will be broken down based on assessed value with a 4% cap, so no fire district would get more than 4%. We ran some estimates based on FY 21/22 figures, our revenue was \$192k, this would add about 67 ½ % or \$130k to that budget year. Fire Districts are lacking manpower, equipment, and that why this proposition was brought forward. We are going to hold a Town Hall type meeting in Golden Valley for all the surrounding fire districts. Chief Moore from Bullhead City will be speaking. This will be held on October 13th at 6:00 pm at the Golden Valley Fire Public Safety Center, 423 S. Colorado Road. Anyone that wants to have a one-on-one conversation just contact me at my office, 928-565-3479. I will be more than happy to discuss with anyone that can not attend the meeting. This sales tax will affect everyone that purchases items in Arizona, not just the residents but visitors from out of state. Chairman Knowles noted that the 5.6% state sales tax has not been increased in over 20 years. Chief Cunningham added that this tax is for 20 years then it goes away.
 - No Action

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC. *Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Yucca Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion or legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the Agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.*

- None.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

- Clerk Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. Chairman Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

MINUTES prepared by: Mindy Kindelberger

Date: 09/19/2022

By: _____
Board Clerk, Kayla Carr

Approved:

