

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD APRIL 22, 2014 AT FIRE STATION 32, 1120 SOUTH PAGE SPRINGS ROAD, CORNVILLE, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Bob Eddingfield (absent)
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson
Thomas Rhodes (absent)
Henry Martin

STAFF:

Fire Chief Hazime
AC Doerksen
Lisa Elliott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Henry Martin to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2014. Second was made by Henry Martin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion was made by Matt Robertson to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Second was made by Ken Bishop. **Motion** carried unanimously.

FY 14/15 Budget Workshop/Proposal: Chief Hazime shared the Budget Proposal Power Point Presentation. *(See additional handout)* Board Members were able to ask questions and discuss different topics. Board Members discussed posting the budget in the paper which is not required by law. Matt Robertson suggested posting a smaller ad in the paper stating where the public could find the posted budget. Board Members discussed Health Care Premiums. A 22% increase is anticipated in the new fiscal year. Henry Martin would like to have a comparison for health care cost. He suggested a summary sheet of monthly and annual insurance premiums. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was discussed. Ken Bishop would like to see a proposed budget with (2) sets of numbers. One to include a COLA increase and one without. The Board Members would like to discuss the budget proposal again with the (2) absentees present. A Budget Workshop should be scheduled before the next Board Meeting to go over proposed budget so a final decision could be made at the May Board Meeting. The Budget Workshop is tentatively scheduled for 10am May 6th at Station 32. No action will be made during the budget workshop; Board Members will only discuss the budget.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

Chief Hazime attended a meeting presented by MATFORCE to discuss legalizing marijuana. MATFORCE's goal is to reduce substance abuse in Yavapai County. They wanted to know if VVFD wanted to pass a Resolution against legalizing marijuana. Fire Fighter Ivan Anderson, also a representative of MATFORCE will make a presentation at the next Board Meeting. Chief Hazime feels this is something good to support. AT& T has decided not to use our site for cell tower because it did not provide the coverage they needed. Chief Hazime reviewed the Incident Call Report. AC Doerksen reviewed the most recent wildfire at Lo Lo Mai Springs Campground. The fire started with cottonwood seeds. C shift was successful in creating a barrier. US Forest Service also responded. VVFD has a great rapport with the US Forest Service. Captain Rosenberg was

instrumental with coordinating efforts with the US Forest Service. Ken Bishop expressed his appreciation to the crews.

Chief Hazime has been getting emails regarding “One less Spark” Community Project. Yavapai County is in the Stage One fire ban.

Chief Hazime reported that we have received all Wild Land Fire Reimbursements from 2013.

The Drug and Alcohol Policy has been revised and mirrors the DUI Policy. Chief Hazime will send it out to Policy Review Committee members and then place it on the agenda for Board Members to approve.

The LAFS Spring School Program is under way.

Chief Hazime will be meeting with VVMC regarding physicals May 1st. They intend to share their plans. Next Care has also contacted the Chief regarding changes they would like to put in place.

Ventilation Training will be scheduled soon in the house on Anderson Place.

CURRENT EVENTS:

Verde Valley Fire Foundation raised about \$1,300.00 at their most recent Golf Tournament held at the Coyote Trails Golf Club. A Pancake Feed/Open House is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at Station 31.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Mutual Aid Flooding Drill with Prescott Fire- AC Doerksen reviewed the drill. During the drill Personnel were able to use the new sandbagging machine Yavapai County has acquired. Swift Water Rescue Teams were able to meet and exchanged information. This training was held on the same day as a scheduled engine swap with Central Yavapai Fire District (CYFD) so our personnel were able to participate. During the Engine Swap, CYFD Personnel were able to go through the Cath Lab at VVMC. It has been decided that while swapping with any mutual aid incidents, our medics will follow our medical direction then transfer care to local facility. Chief Hazime explained that AC Doerksen is a big advocate of sharing training. He continues to present the ideas to surrounding agencies.

Communications & Dispatching Service Agreement- Chief Hazime attended a meeting with Sedona Dispatch recently. Sedona Dispatch provided a cost sheet showing the new figures. While meeting with Cottonwood Fire Dispatch they explained they could handle more agencies but not until July 2015 after their new facility is up and running. VVFD is looking at making sure our radios are up to date and would be able to switch to CFD in the future if we so chose. Chief Hazime reviewed the agreement and recommends moving forward with the IGA with SFD for another year. **Motion** was made by Matt Robertson to enter into an agreement with Sedona Fire District for Dispatching Services beginning July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Second was made by Hank Martin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Greater Yavapai Purchasing Consortium-

Chief Hazime explained the need to sign this Waiver and Consent. Attorney Bill Whittington will be reviewing the IGA with Sedona Fire District but also represents VVFD so this waiver needs to have Board Approval.

Motion was made by Matt Robertson to sign the Consent and Waiver, giving permission to Attorney Bill Whittington to review the IGA with Sedona Fire District. Second was made by Henry Martin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Matt Robertson to adjourn. Second was made by Henry Martin. **Motion** carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 AM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____

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