

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION September 20, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer , Secretary Carole Ryan.
Members at Large: Dale Lund.(Donna Gordon- absent) . Chief Jeff Shearer . Denise Whitley present for entire meeting via ZOOM from Texas .

Visitors: Frances Lechner- Yarnell Area Resource Group

Terry Hudson -Vana Fire LLC

3. Approval of Draft Minutes:

A. Dale made a motion to accept the August 16, 2021 regular minutes as provided. Richard seconded. Motion carried by all.

4. Reports and Correspondence:

A. Chairman's Report: (none)

B. Secretary's Report: (none)

C. Treasurer's Reports: (See attached) .

General Fund: \$ \$370.71 Donations and Grants: \$ 27,941.17

Capital Reserve: \$50,599.87 Pension and Relief: \$ 24,018.68

Shuttle \$ 59, 767.81 Training Center \$ 9,454.82

Wildland Fire: \$ 116.97

No funds from 2020 incoming taxes this month . 2019 taxes received: \$20.64 . Personal Property received: \$20.64. FDAT received: \$122.70

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report of 8-31-2021 made by Carole. Seconded by Arlon. Motion carried by all.

Transfers: 10 from August 19 to September 16, 2021 . Motion to accept these made by Carole. Second by Dale. Motion carried by all.

D. Chief's Report: (See Attached): The building materials for the new bay will arrive 9/22. We will spend additional \$16,000 for the complete and improved exhaust system which has been approved by USDA.

Devon and Brendon still out of state on wildland fires

We have applied for another wild fire ambulance with \$13,000 from the funds plus \$12,000 for a total of \$25,000.

Denise will teach another Grants for Fire Depts class at the January AFDA Conference. She will be back in Yarnell Nov 8-14, 2021.

Cadets will restart Sept 25.

Third Coalition event for YFD was successful on Sat. 8-14-2021. Curriculum materials ordered for Model Creek, Kirkland and Congress Schools.

Chief will be completing his Fire Inspector 1 coursework in 3 months. Then the final test. He will be able to check water pressure at hydrants and tank as a result. His Fire Marshall coursework will follow.

Nina now uses 'Paycheck' program from National Bank of AZ.

Shuttle will start again Oct. 1, 2021

20 calls in the last month including 2 trail rescues (with the drone), 2 fires and a snake removal.

E. Grant and Safer report. (See Attached) :

Two changes in the Grants. Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant applied for due to invitation from them. This would help to purchase second wild fire ambulance.

Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Grant Awarded 7/16/21 for \$13,000.

Safer Grant – 61% used. Expires 9-30-22. We will be able to use full grant amount by that time.

5. No Old Business.

6. NEW BUSINESS :

A. Donation presentation made by Frances Lechner from the Yarnell Hill Recovery Group for YFD of a red bulletin board . Thank you, Frances.

B. Terry Hudson, contractor from Vana Fire LLC, told us that our Community Wildfire Protection Plan was not accepted by Yavapai Country who have their own plan, though it was OK'd by the State. As Yavapai County did not present a reason for no acceptance, Terry will speak with them about this. Our plan does not conflict with other counties.

C. We will sign VFIS insurance plan next month as it is not complete at this time.

D. Scarlet Hongxia LMT has requested that she be able to rent our medical rooms for deep massage on a temporary basis. Carole made a motion to accept this proposal. Richard seconded. Motion carried by all.

E. Motion to use \$16,700 out of \$23,000 (USDA grant) that was to be used for furnishing in the new bay, but now will be used for the Exhaust Removal System Upgrade was made by Carole. Seconded by Richard. Motion carried by all.

7. Work Session to update Chief's Evaluation Form has been delayed until further notice.

8. Call to the Public : (See New Business A and B above.)

Adjournment at 11:40 AM

Respectively submitted : Carole Ryan, YFD Sec'y

Approved