

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 15, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10 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: Kevin O'Donnell, Donna Gordon. Attendance of the Public noted on attached document.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

Motion made by Richard ; seconded by Kevin. Motion carried by all to approve draft minutes of November 17, 2014

Motion made by Richard, seconded by Kevin to approve draft minutes of November 17, 2014 Executive Board Minutes. Motion carried by all.

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

**A. Chairman's Report:** Arlon reported that he purchased a flat screen TV for the Admin. Building. Also, the back stairs to the upper lot are completed, thanks to Chuck Edwards and Wayne Lanthrup.

**B. Secretary's Report:** Carole reported the details of a 12-5-14 civil complaint by Joy Collura and Tex Gilligan toward Chief Palm regarding slanderous statements presumably made by Chief Palm that he is eager to arrest them for presumably hiking up to the site where the firefighters were killed during the YHF . They are asking for public records of complaints about them. They also complain that there is no signage or fencing to enforce the trespassing law regarding the Box Canyon area behind the Helm's property. Recreational Use permits were attached. Also Joy is requesting information regarding brush clearing in the area of Yarnell/Glen Ilah, plus neighboring state and BLM lands, for the last 10 years.

In response, Ben reported that there is no public record of someone who is publicly slandering them and that he has no power to arrest her as he is not a Sheriff. Also , there is 'No Trespassing' signage at the actual deployment site. Regarding land abatement, this information will be provided for the last 3 years only, as is required to be in our files per ARS 41-151.14. We will release abatement information parcel #'s only, not names.

(All attached.)

**C. Treasurer's Report :** (see attached)

Richard presented: Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through November 30 , 2014

General Fund: \$35,675.00

Donations and Grants: \$ 74,600.16

Capital Reserve Fund : \$ 35,978.62

Pension and Relief Fund : \$ 82,148.50

Payroll fund: \$11,629.68

Carole made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as provided. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

**D. Chief's Report:** (see attached) .

**E. Safer Grant Report.** Frances provided an update regarding the Safer Grant.

There are no additional expenses. We are in good shape for the first year's allotment.

**5. OLD BUSINESS :**

**A.** AFDA requires that all board members get 6 hours credit for attending sessions regarding ARS regulations and laws. This is completed at the annual conference in January. Chief is working on getting scholarships for the conference.

**B.** Richard made a motion to approve use of Virgil Suitor, Congress FD Chief , in our chief's absence , for structure fires, pending approval from Congress Fire Board. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

**6. NEW BUSINESS :**

**A.** New YFD employee for Pension/Relief board will be Frances Lechner. New YF Board member for P/R will be Richard. Bob Burkhart, who still owns land in Yarnell, is our P/R board member from the Public.

**B.** Arlon presented a draft copy of a combined old Yarnell form and the Mayer form to use for updating our Chief's Evaluation Form. Discussion ensued. The new form will be approved at our January meeting.

**C.** Richard made a motion to approve the return of the Yarnell Hill Memorial Park from the Garden Group to YFD, the appropriate owner. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all. (See attached).

**D.** Richard made a motion to approve the appointment of Donna Gordon for

the YFD Board. Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all. Donna has been working with YFD in several capacities for the last 10 years.

**E.** Richard made a motion to retain our current board positions at this time. Carole seconded. Motion carried by all.

**F.** The payroll stipend schedule is actually the same as is budgeted for. The method of calculation has changed. (See attached.) Employees will be salaried now instead of paid hourly. Any bonuses will be determined by the chief. Employees will cover for each other if they need to take time off. The benefit to employees is that they will know the amount of each paycheck for the year. Richard made a motion to accept Chief's pay scale as presented. Carole seconded. Motion carried by all.

**G.** Richard made a motion to authorize VFIS (accident/injury) insurance payment. Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all. This will be signed and faxed to them today.

**H.** Carole made a motion to match the funds for the AFG Grant, if approved. Richard seconded. Motion carried by all.

**I.** YFD goals for 2015 were presented. (See attached.) CERT group has already been formed.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBIC:** Joy Colura reported that at least 40 people in Y and PV have died from respiratory problems since the fire due to the fire retardant used during the fire. Tex Gilligan needs someone to look into this. The retardant is LC95A. He would like to know the long and short term effects.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** 11:33 AM

The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2015, in the Admin. Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Ryan, Secretary of the Yarnell Fire Board.