

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION**  
**October 15, 2018**

**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: Donna Gordon, Kevin O'Donnell. Chief Ben Palm. Safer Grant/Grant Specialist Denise Roggio

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

- A. Richard made a motion to approve the September 10, 2018 regular minutes as provided. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

- A. Chairman's Report: We haven't heard from USDA yet about our grant.  
B. Secretary's Report: (none)  
C. Treasurer's Report: (See attached)

There is no financial report yet for the last month as the County is changing systems. We will review this report at our next regular meeting in addition to the new one.

- D. **Chief's Report:** (see attached). We are awaiting the Exhaust Removal System which MagnaGrip has ordered. This will allow us to turn on the trucks inside while the exhaust will go outside.

We have applied for the AQED donation for foam.

We have received 1 million dollars in grants since the end of 2013.

There has been 28% higher call volume this year compared to last year.

E. **Safer Report and Grant Report:** (See attached). Denise discussed the problems re the USDA Grant. They say we need a bond, but as we are a district, unlike Prescott which is a municipality, this should not be needed. The attorneys have talked about this.

Fuels 2018 grant is still possible.

The grant for the generator will be awarded on March 19. We are hoping for this as no one in the community has tried to get this for years.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. (none)**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Procurement. Richard made a motion to accept Policy #0026 as written. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

b Discussed possible sale of Admin Bldg due to financial problems. Much less money coming in from taxes since the fire. Before the fire our allotment was up to \$194,000/year; now we are at \$142,000. Also as we had planned to rent clinic space in the building and set up part of the building for that purpose, our Dr lasted only a few months . We have been speaking to Wickenburg Hospital to come in , but they recently decided to give their

funding to Congress Medical instead of us. Also, we made much less money this year from wildfires. We have already reduced eliminated 2 Captain Positions due to budget . And currently we have borrowed \$50,000 from our county credit line which will come out of our tax allotment.

Further discussion at our next regular meeting.

(We also toured the Crew Quarters for possible office space in lieu of the Admin Bldg.)

C. We decided that we will need a commercial realtor. Further discussion at our next regular meeting.

**7. Call to the Public:**

Errol Eastwood asked to speak to us. He spoke of his attainment of his EMT while previously employed at YFD.. He also suggested that we have a special election to reorganize the fire dept which he stated as poorly run.

He left a list of questions for us to answer at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:52AM** Next regular meeting will be on November 19, 2018

Respectively submitted Carole Ryan, YFD Sec'y