

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION**

**January 23, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 . Ben Palm, Chief , and Denise Roggio in attendance.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

A. Arlon made a motion to accept the minutes for the December 19, 2016, 2016 Regular Session. Richard seconded. Motion carried by all.

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

A. Chairman's Report: Arlon led a discussion regarding the merits of the AFDA classes in Laughlin.

B. Secretary's Report: Ben has received a thank you letter from Gov. Doug Ducey for our participation in the dedication of the Granite Mountain Hot Shots Memorial State Park . (See Attached)

C. Treasurer's Report: (See attached)

Richard presented: Profit and Loss, Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through the end of December, 2016

General Fund: \$ 18,340.48

Donations and Grants: \$ 51,647.75

Capital Reserve Fund : \$1,425.43

Pension and Relief Fund : \$10,253.05

Yarnell Training Center : \$ 2,493.98 . This is non tax related money from our EMT classes.

Wildland Fire: \$ 9,475.00

Taxes brought in last month: \$13,354.82

Carole made a motion to accept this Treasurer's Report as stated. Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all.

D. Chief's Report: (see attached) . Several have expressed interest in being part of our

Support Staff. These people will have to satisfactorily complete a special PT test and be available at least 2 days/month. They will support our firefighters during fires and other incidents.

We now have 15 cadets who must work hard in all areas of their life to maintain this position. It is an honor to be a cadet!

Ben also announced that YFD has received the National Field Mitigation Award from the Association of Fire Chiefs and State Foresters of the U.S. for our extensive fire abatement . This is a great honor for YFD.

Richard made a motion to let the Chief authorize repairs on vehicle C-400. Donna seconded. Motion carried by all.

E. **Safer Report and Grant Report:** (See attached). We still have 59% of our 2016-2016 funds (Year 3) left . This will carry over to Year 4, which is our last year for this grant.

Though we have been denied a grant for 3 SCBSA and spare bottles, Denise will request these from Homeland Security now that we have the new State Park.

Denise has been awarded a full scholarship grant to attend the Grant Writing Conference in Washington DC for 2 days in March. This award is based on her previous grant writing achievement. Total grants awarded in 2016: \$109,764.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. The financial report for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be discussed/approved at our February Special meeting on February 13, 2017.

B. Wendy Fostiak Amos discussed the use by the Yarnell Chamber of Commerce of the YFD Administrative Building and terms. She discussed current financial issues/problems of the Chamber and their need for an identifiable interim location. Also their need for one of the back rooms for their consultant for a few months. Wendy will figure out the actual time and usage needed. The chamber has been paying YFD \$600.00/year for meeting space related to expenses for utilities and cleaning. Chamber insurance will cover their use of the Admin Building,

Richard made a motion to suspend their existing \$600/year contract with YFD and start a new contract from February, 2017, for a 6 month period, at a cost of \$100/month. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

C. Discussion of a Waiver and Consent for a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Agreement with Williamson Valley Fire Dept. This is contingent on Peoples Valley mutual aid agreement continuation. This Mutual Aid IGA with WVFD will be discussed with Bill Wittington, attorney, to reduce liability, and so protect our taxpayers from liability.

D. At our next regular meeting we will discuss/approve potential Policy 0017 (Access to District Records) changes.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS :**

A. Special meeting dates to discuss the next budget: February 13 and March 6, 2017.

**7. Call to the Public:** Wendy Fostiak Amos (see 5.B)

**8. ADJOURNMENT: 12:20 PM.**

Our next regular meeting will be on February 27, which is a 1 week delay due to Feb 21 holiday- President's Day. We will also have a Special Meeting for budget discussion on Feb.13, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Ryan, YFB Sec'y