

# Green Valley Fire District

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**Green Valley Fire District Board of Directors Meeting  
Headquarters/Training Center  
1285 W Camino Encanto, Green Valley, AZ  
September 20, 2017**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Mikel Shilling called the Special Board Meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Members of the Board present included: Chairperson Mikel Shilling, Board Clerk Tom Allen, and Mrs. Nancy Schuster. Mr. Bill Katzel was present telephonically. Harry Smith was absent. Present from Rio Rico Medical and Fire district were Fire Chief Al Flores, Battalion Chief Adam Amezaga, Administrative Manager Marcela Ceballos, and Board Chair Dean Davis. Present from Tubac Fire District were Chief Kevin Keeley, Assistant Chief Genaro Rivera, Mark South, Board Chair Michael Connelly, Director Bill Kirkpatrick, and Director Kandy Clancy. See attached sign-in sheets for members of Green Valley Fire District staff, Green Valley Fire Corps, and members of the public present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairperson Shilling led the members of the Board, staff, and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Discussion and Review of Beach Fleischman Tri District Analysis Report – Jim Lovelace, Lydia Hunter, and Eric Maneval** - Beach Fleischman gave a PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the Tri District Analysis Report. This afforded each District the opportunity to pose questions, and have a general open discussion regarding the advantages and challenges discovered through the financial study. Some of the questions and general comments from each District are listed below.

- a) **Tubac Fire District-** Ms. Clancy posed a question to Beach Fleischman about new hires and retirement benefits, specifically regarding new legislature, which Mr. Lovelace and Chief Wunder responded to. She also spoke to the possibility of purchasing one or two new ambulances in Fiscal Year 2019, and compared the billable miles between Rio Rico and Tubac, proposing a shared ambulance. Chief Keeley spoke to the different types of transports run by the two Districts as a potential challenge. Rio Rico BC Amezaga also cited the call volumes as a prospective hurdle in a shared ambulance proposal, and instead cited a backup ambulance as a different type of cost saving measure. Ms. Clancy suggested looking at other saving methods in less significant areas, such as procurement and supplies, which could add up to an overall savings. Chief Keeley relayed his belief that TFD & RRMFD could working together easier than all three districts, though he felt it was vital to continue mutual aid with GVFD. Asst. Chief Rivera spoke to all three boards, and let them know he felt it was important for them to illicit some feedback from management as well as just providing direction.
- b) **Rio Rico Medical and Fire District-** Ms. Ceballos spoke to the fact that the analysis showed many similarities in expenditures and revenue streams between the Districts. She also encouraged all three Boards to look further than purely cost savings and focus of the significance of efficiencies regarding any JPA, mergers, or shared services. Ms. Ceballos and Ms. Carey from GVFD offered their input to the Tubac Board regarding Arizona State Retirement, when the topic came up during the PowerPoint presentation. Chair Davis advised he is encouraged regarding the dialog between the Districts, and sees both opportunity and desire from all three. He then stated he sees the greater opportunity for TFD and RRFMD to work together.
- c) **Green Valley Fire District-** Chief Wunder answered questions regarding GVFD's unfunded liability, when posed by TFD. Chief Wunder also spoke to the possibility of adopting a thirty-year amortization period for the unfunded liability. Chief Wunder and Mr. Lovelace from Beach Fleischman also answered questions about outsourcing of positions when Ms. Clancy asked about the success of that. Chief Wunder commented on the consistency of the financial analysis, with each District's spending in line with one another's with respect to personnel costs. GVFF President Beckel posed a question to Beach Fleischman about the salaries in the study, and whether they were reflected at their equalized rates. (They had not been submitted that way). Mr. Allen suggested perhaps GVFD should allow TFD and RRMFD to continue these talks separately, since the two districts

seem to have more commonality. Chief Wunder addressed the GVFD Board and asked for further direction from them, and spoke to all three Boards about future challenges, with respect to the work forces, labor groups, different board cultures, etc. He also stated he sees value in these Tri-District meetings to share ideas, regardless of the study. He thanked everyone for their time and energy thus far.

**2. FUTURE MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Shilling-** A future meeting was proposed for four to six months, to check in. Chief Wunder proposed late January after AFDA, in case of any legislative changes. After some discussion, the group chose February 20, 2018 for the next meeting. No time was selected. A potential location of Rio Rico Medical and Fire District was chosen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Regular Board Meeting:** September 27, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. at the Green Valley Fire District Headquarters/Training Center.

**GVFFA Chili Cookoff at Quail Creek:** September 29, 2017, at 4:00 P.M. at the Quail Creek Ballroom, 2055 E. Quail Crossing.

**Retirement Ceremony:** October 6, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. at Station 151, 250 N. La Canada Dr.

**GVFD Pancake Breakfast:** October 13, 2017 at 7:00 A.M-10:00 A.M at Station 151, 250 N. La Canada Dr.

**ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** There being no further business, Chair Shilling adjourned the meeting at 17:05 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tom Allen, Board Clerk  
Green Valley Fire District