

# Green Valley Fire District

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Chuck Wunder, Fire Chief



## **Green Valley Fire District Board of Directors Meeting Headquarters/Training Center 1285 W Camino Encanto, Green Valley, AZ March 6, 2019**

### **SPECIAL BOARD PLANNING MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Board Chair Tom Allen called the Special Board Meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Members of the Board present included: Board Chair Tom Allen, Board Clerk Nancy Schuster, Mrs. Sandy Richey, Mr. Bill Katzel, and Mr. Harry Smith. See attached sign-in sheets for Green Valley Fire District staff, Green Valley Fire Corps, and members of the public present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Allen led the members of the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action Reference Policy Changes; EC102, EC104 & EC105-** Chief Wunder – Chief Wunder presented the policies for discussion and explained the reason for the changes pertained to the 7K exemption and the need to change from a 27 to 28 day pay cycle. Mr. Katzel made a motion to accept the changes. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor and the policies were adopted as presented.

### **B. FY 2020 Budget Overview and Discussion – Fire Chief Chuck Wunder**

- a) Operating Budget – Chief Wunder used a power point presentation (attached) as an outline for his presentation. Chief Wunder highlighted that this year's valuation shows a 6.8% increase over last year, which he was pleased with. On the expense side, Chief Wunder discussed larger expense items such as PSPRS and health insurance and how they are better than anticipated this year. Chief Wunder stated the District is taking on the entire increase for health insurance this year. Personnel costs included healthcare and the pension. He also

advised the Board that Management was still working with the Employee Compensation Committee to address Firefighter wages. Also adding to the expense side will be an increase in cost to the District's VECC charges, due to an increase in call volume. Chief Wunder stated that the District is still waiting on various expenses to be quoted, including worker's comp and liability insurance. In addition, Chief Wunder listed various short, and long-term expenses that the District is looking to handle both in the next fiscal cycle and in years to come. Chief Wunder also had a discussion regarding reducing the call load on the crews by the possibility of hiring an intern or a field technician to handle non-emergency calls such as snakes and smoke alarms.

- b) Capital Budget – Chief Wunder discussed potential remodels to stations and the effect that could have on the budget. He also discussed the purchase of two new fire trucks, and the discount the District received for paying cash, rather than financing the cost. Chief Wunder also stressed the importance of continuing to fund the Capital Replacement Fund, highlighting the success of this fund in his presentation.

Note- Throughout the meeting various questions were asked by the Board regarding the topics being discussed and answers were provided by staff.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

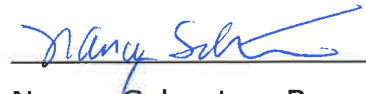
**Regular Board Meeting:** March 27, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. at the Green Valley Fire District Headquarters/Training Center.

**Mardi Gras Under the Stars:** March 30, 2019, at 5:00 P.M at 921 W. Rio Via Fuerte, Green Valley.

**Special Board Budget Meeting:** April 3, 2019, at 8:30 A.M. at the Green Valley Fire District Headquarters/Training Center.

**ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** There being no further business, Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:02 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Nancy Schuster, Board Clerk

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