

*Peeples Valley Fire District*  
*PO Box 936, Yarnell, AZ 85362*  
*17275 W. Burning Bush Drive, Peeples Valley, AZ 86332*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**  
 Location of Meeting Held: Old Peeples Valley School  
 18205 S. Highway 89, Peeples Valley, AZ  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023, 3:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by **Lindon Gareis, Chairman**, at 3:01 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Dave Schroedl.

3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** x Lindon Gareis, x Wayne Keller, x Dave Schroedl, x Neil Rifenbark

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the Regular Session of January 19, 2023.

A motion was made by **Dave Schroedl** to approve the minutes from January 19, 2023, board meeting.

**Seconded: Neil Rifenbark**

**Ayes: x Lindon Gareis, x Wayne Keller, x Dave Schroedl, x Neil Rifenbark**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

5. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** Members of the community in attendance: **Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Sherry Gareis, Ray Paiz, Kelley Paiz, Karen Stafford, Judy Garner, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Karl Kennedy, Jacob Loaiza, and Lew Theokas.**

6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Fire Chief's Report:

❖ Number of Calls:

| Month    | Number of EMS Calls | Number of Vegetation Fire Calls | Number of MVA* Calls | Number of Structure Fire | Number of Public Assist |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| January  | 10                  | 0                               | 0                    | 1                        | 0                       |
| February | 4                   | 0                               | 1                    | 0                        | 0                       |

\*MVA – Motor Vehicle Accident

\*\*Numbers for the current month are up to the date of the Board Meeting.

❖ Grants:

- Continuing Safer Grant with Southern Yavapai Fire.
- Continuing Title III Grant for community slash programs.
- Finishing Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant HFI-21-307.
- Continuing Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant HFI-22-312.
- Applying for Homeland Security Grant for communications.

❖ Personnel/Training: Currently have 25 personnel (10 of which are EMTs). The Wildland refresher class will be held on March 4. Instructors will be BC Ronnie Hernandez and James Robbins.

Acknowledgment to Jane Meyers, Charla Jordan, Kim Lytle, and Jerome Lagacy for their service to the Peeples Valley Fire District.

- ❖ IROC Status: 18 are available.
- ❖ Apparatus/Equipment: Brush 81 is back in the district.
- ❖ Wildfire Mitigation: Firewise NFPA presentation of signage to Chief Bomar from Ray Paiz of the Buckhorn Loop, Legacy Lane, and Quail Firewise Community. Firewise Certification and / or ISO letter may provide discounts on homeowners' insurance.

B. Report from District Strategic Plan Development Committee

Committee focused on the review of the strategic plan; some information has already been posted to the website. Goal #1: Asset Management – identified objective one – management for inventories.

C. Financial Report:

December – complete and accurate

January – complete and accurate

D. Correspondence received by the Board:

- ❖ Draft FY21-22 Audit Report

E. Auxiliary Report:

We held our February meeting back on Saturday, February 4, @ 9 AM. We welcomed a new member, Karl Kennedy!

Starting this month, we'll be helping support the Fire Department on monthly training days to provide lunch, starting with this month on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

We'll also provide continental breakfast and lunch for the upcoming Wildland training class on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 50 people will be attending. With the help of a donation of \$400.00 from the Yavapai Fire Department and the Loomis Fire Department.

Members will be participating in Peoples Valley Serve Day. In coordinating with Waste Management for trash boxes, we received a donated \$1500.00 from waste management. We voted to re-donate that to the Serve Day Program.

Are you ready to HoeDown & Trail Ride? Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hoe Down is coming up on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the trail ride is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The price for the Hoe Down is \$20/pp; Chicken, Ribs, potato salad, cobbler & fun @ MC School 3 -6 PM; Silent auction, music, and fun! The trail ride is limited to the first 40 riders who take a leisurely ride from Sorrells Ranch Road campsite through Ruger Ranch for an MRE lunch at Station 82. Interested in donating silent auction items or want more information? Go to "Contact us" on the PVFDFire.org website.

We received a donation of \$1000.00 earmarked for operations. \$837.78 will go to the stairs up to the loft at our fire station. There was a donation made of \$500.00 for operations for tools and equipment.

We were informed that the Amazon Smile campaign ends after February, so sorry to see that go, but expecting one more check.

The next event will be our Chili/Bingo Night. To be discussed at our next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Next Meeting Date/Time: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2:30 PM at the Old School.

*Submitted by: Karen Stafford, PVFD Auxiliary President, 2.16.23*

## 7. BUSINESS

Item I was moved to the beginning of business, as the district attorney was ready to meet.

- **Neil Rifenbark** made a motion to convene an executive session at 3:51 PM.
- **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
- **Ayes: x Lindon Gareis, x Wayne Keller, x Dave Schroedl, x Neil Rifenbark**

- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

**The Admonishment statement was read by Lindon Gareis to the board and in public.**

Time executive session ended: 4:33 PM

**The Admonishment statement was read by Wayne Keller to the board and in public.**

**Wayne Keller stated that this was the end of the meeting due to the attorney's advice.**

A special meeting will be held sometime next week. See the adjournment below.

A. Discussion/possible action to approve the October, November, and December 2022 Treasurer's Reports.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the October, November, and December 2022 Treasurer's Reports.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** \_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenbark
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

B. Discussion/possible action to approve the January 2023 Treasurer's Report.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the January 2023 Treasurer's Report.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** \_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenbark
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

C. Discussion/possible action to approve February Warrant Requests.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve February Warrant Requests.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** \_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenbark
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

D. Discussion/possible action status on Station Building at Ruger Ranch.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to \_\_\_\_\_
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** \_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenbark
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

E. Discussion/possible action on meeting with accountant contact.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** \_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenbark
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

F. Discussion/possible action to add check signers.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as check signers.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** \_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenbark
- **Nays:** 0

- **Abstain:** 0

G. Discussion/possible action to adopt the mission and vision statements presented by the Strategic Plan Development Committee.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adopt the mission and vision statements presented by the Strategic Plan Development Committee.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** **Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenkark**
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

H. Discussion/possible action for compensation to the property owner for the Repeater Station.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion for \_\_\_\_\_ compensation to the property owner for the Repeater Station.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** **\_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenkark**
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

I. Possible vote to go into executive session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3, in regard to the November 2022 election cycle.

The Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) in order to permit the Governing Board to consult with its Attorney(s). The District’s Attorney(s) may appear telephonically.”

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to convene an executive session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** **\_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenkark**
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

Time executive session ended: \_\_\_\_\_

J. Discussion/possible action as a follow-up to the above-referenced executive session relating to the 2022 election cycle, and possible instructions from the district staff and legal counsel regarding the same.

- \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Seconded:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Ayes:** **\_ Lindon Gareis, \_Wayne Keller, \_Dave Schroedl, \_Neil Rifenkark**
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; UPCOMING MEETING DATE**

A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for the next Regular, Workshop, and Other Meetings.

- Discussion/possible action \_\_\_\_\_.
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B. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 3-16-2022, at 3:00 PM.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Wayne Keller** adjourned the meeting at 4:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lori Bomar, Administration