

Peeples Valley Fire District
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
 Location of Meeting Held: Old Peeples Valley School
 18205 S. Highway 89, Peeples Valley, AZ
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:00 am

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Neil Rifenbark, the chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Chief Bomar.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Session 03-20-2024
Wayne Keller made a motion to approve the minutes from the 03-20-2024 board meeting minutes.
Seconded: Phil Lobeck
Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC: none**
 The community members in attendance were **Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Ray Paiz, Kelley Paiz, Jacob Loaiza, Ben Archer, Lew Theokas, Lindon Gareis, Sherry Gareis, Greg Carr, Sue Dickerson, and Britteny Dwiggin.**

6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Fire Chief's Report:

❖ Number of Calls:

Month	EMS Calls	Fire Calls	Mutual Aid Calls	MVA* Calls	Structure	Public Assist
March	7	2	0	1	0	0
April	4	0	0	0	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.
- Applied for FY25 Safer Grant with Southern Yavapai Fire.
- Applied for the AzDFFM grant for Station 82.
- Applied for the AFG and Homeland Security grants.

❖ Personnel/Training: We currently have 20 personnel (7 EMTs, 3 EMRs). One staff member is enrolled in paramedic school, and two will start in the fall. Ray Paiz has been appointed Fire Prevention Specialist.

- ❖ Apparatus/Equipment: Received engine from Daisy Mountain Fire. Working on putting it into service.
 - ❖ Wildfire Mitigation: continuing
- B. Report from District Strategic Plan Development Committee:
- ❖ Sheriff Rhodes wants to increase his involvement in the rural communities.
 - ❖ Sheriff Rhodes is very interested in the Multi-Use Facility.
 - ❖ The donated 10 acres of land is now in escrow thanks to the efforts of Lindon and Sherry Gareis.
- C. Report from Weaver Mountains Firewise Committee Coordinators
- ❖ April 20th Firewise & Earth Day Expo in Prescott: Firewise staff and Auxiliary will have a booth and have invited both the Yarnell and Skull Valley Fire Departments.
 - ❖ May 4th Dewey-Humboldt Firewise event at Mortimer Farms. Free admission for all. Calendar art contest: one winner from Model Creek School.
 - ❖ The Buckhorn Loop project is continuing.
 - ❖ Lew Theokas is working with Yarnell residents to form a Firewise committee.
- D. Report from the FY25 Budget Committee:
- ❖ Coordination between Ben Archer and Chief Bomar.
 - ❖ Three options have been discussed.
- E. Correspondence received by the Board of Directors:
- ❖ Greg Carr – submitted a resume and letter of interest for the vacant board position.
 - ❖ Sue Dickerson – submitted a resume and letter of interest for the vacant board position.
 - ❖ Facility Use Packet for FY25
 - ❖ VFIS information
 - ❖ Chase Account information
- F. Auxiliary Report: Peeples Valley Fire District Corporation and Auxiliary
Report to the Board 04.17.24
 Our April meeting was held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Model Creek School. Thank you to Bethany Strickland, who has stepped up to fill the role of Recording Secretary on our Board!
1. Community & Membership Outreach: We received great support from the Auxiliary at this year's Peeples Valley Serve Day on April 6th. Thank you to all the members who participated. We are joining forces with the Yarnell Community Center Club to host a Women's Heart Health session scheduled for Friday, May 10th at 2 PM, to take place at the Yarnell Community Center. We are on hold with our Fire District History Book update efforts as we continue to get additional information compiled, look to sell sponsorships, and revisit this in the fall.

2. Events: Thank you to Joe and friends of Dick & Jane Meyer for serving up a delicious Fire Crew Training Lunch this past weekend. The BBQ, baked potato salad, and chili were terrific, and that peach cobbler made by Dick was amazing – thank you! We asked the Event Committee to revisit the Weaver Mountain Festival idea, and we look forward to an update in our May meeting. Stay tuned for additional details.
3. Grants & Funding Committee: We voted to update our organization's objectives to reflect our focus on serving the entire Weaver Mountains area. We are also just a few clicks away from introducing our new “Donate” button for the website.
4. Weaver Mountains Region Facility & Property Committee: We could not be more excited to announce that we are officially under contract and heading to close on the donated 10 acres of land! We expect to close by month’s end and then let the fun of finishing the required preparation work and searching for land and building development grants begin. Special commendation to Sherry and Lindon Gareis of Down-Home Realty for their incredible assistance throughout this process! In the next few days, a meeting notice will be posted announcing our next WMRFP Committee meeting will be scheduled for Friday, May 10.
5. Weaver Mountains Region FireWise Update: The Auxiliary is gearing up to help spread the news about Firewise this spring by supporting our “Fire Wise Guys” at the following community outreach events:
 April 20th in Prescott – Wildfire Expo
 May 4th in Dewey/Humbolt – “May the 4th be With You”
 Our next meeting will occur at the Historic School on Saturday, May 11th at 9 AM.
Submitted by Karen Stafford, PVFD Auxiliary President, to Lori Bomar for presentation to the Board on 4.17.24.

7. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/possible action to approve the March 2024 Financial Report presented by The James Vincent Group.
 - **Neil Rifembark** made a motion to approve the March 2024 Financial Report presented by The James Vincent Group.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- B. Discussion/possible action to approve April Warrant Requests.
 - **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the April Warrant Requests.
 - **Seconded: Neil Rifembark**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- C. Discussion/possible action to approve the facility use agreement with Yarnell

Elementary School District #52 for 2024-2025.

- **Scott Mayer** made a motion to approve the facility use agreement with Yarnell Elementary School District #52 for 2024-2025.
- **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
- **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

D. Discussion/possible action to approve Chase credit card manager.

- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve Neil Rifembark as Chase credit card manager.
- **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
- **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

E. Discussion/possible action to approve FY25 VFIS PCL Policy.

- **Neil Rifembark** made a motion to approve the FY25 VFIS PCL Policy.
- **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
- **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

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

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

- Board vacancy appointment

B. Upcoming Meeting Date: Next Regular Session – May 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Neil Rifembark** adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.