

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 0900 hrs
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Fire Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Steve Brady, Clerk David Dahl, Board Member Mark Clark, Board Member Richard Hudgins

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Executive Assistant Chief Cheryl Horvath, Community Relations Manager Anne Marie Braswell, Finance Manager Dave Christian, Local 3832 Vice-President William Howe, Board Services Manager Brooke Painter

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS

There were no reports made by the fire board members.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF FIRE CHIEF'S AWARD TO CECELIA SICKELBOWER

The Fire Chief's Special Recognition Award was presented to Cecelia Sickelbower for her heroic actions on June 13, 2017.

B. PRESENTATION BY CANDICE EGGER TO WILDLAND TEAM MEMBERS (LIZARD FIRE)

Candice Egger presented a gift from the four communities affected by the Lizard Fire to the Wildland Team members who were on that fire.

C. PRESENTATION OF PERSONNEL

- FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE – RANDALL WATTS

Randall Watts was not able to attend the meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVE MINUTES – August 8, 2017 REGULAR SESSION

B. APPROVE MINUTES – August 8, 2017 Executive SESSION

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2017-0009 FORMALLY ADOPTING THE UPDATED GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE

MOTION by Clerk Dahl to approve the September 12, 2017 Consent Agenda

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Karrer presented his report to the Governing Board. Chief Karrer added that he spent last week at State Fire School. He recognized Captain Peru as a lead instructor at Fire School; he did a fantastic job as a lead instructor. Chief Karrer continued that the consolidation process is still going well. He has been asked to testify on the Ad Hoc Committee on the legislation dealing with the consolidation process. The legislation was proposed by private ambulance companies that would restrict all CON expansions when fire districts consolidate. Board Member Clark asked if there were going to be more involvement from AFCA on this feat; Chief Karrer responded that AFCA, AFDA, PFFA and AFSI are all very involved.
- **LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT** – Vice-President Howe reported that the Union was notified within ten minutes of the death of Captain Ferguson from Rural/Metro because of the established relationships. Andrew Hatfield is now Vice-President of Operations. Howe is now Vice-President of Negotiations of Pay and Benefits. The Union will be hosting a membership gathering to welcome the new legacy MVFD employees. He thanked the Board for their support of the Pipes and Drums who participated in three events in one day for September 11th. The Honor Guard is going to support Cpt. Ferguson's funeral tomorrow and then to Colorado for the annual National Fallen Firefighters event.
 - **COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT** – Manager Braswell presented her report to the Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
- B. **OPERATION CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Brandhuber presented his report to the Governing Board. He added that Chief Hurguy and he met with United Healthcare and it was a very promising meeting; this would provide reimbursement. Six paramedics graduated last night; six new will be starting another program. Every engine will now have a paramedic on it, regardless of the Captain's rank. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
- C. **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Karrer presented the Administrative Services report to the Governing Board. Chief Abel is at Rural/Metro Fire Department assisting as part of LAST with the arrangements for Captain Ferguson's funeral. There were no further questions from the Board.
- D. **GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Horvath presented her report to the Governing Board. She added that she spends a lot of her time answering questions about the consolidation. No further questions or comments from the Board. Chief Karrer did add that Captain Lamanda is doing well and he is back to work.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-0010 AUTHORIZING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A SEVEN YEAR CAPITAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK FOR THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$542,120.07 WITH A 2.39% INTEREST RATE TO FINANCE A KME PROP PANTHER GSO 10499 PUMPER AND ASSOCIATED FIRE EQUIPMENT**



Manager Christian explained that the agreement to purchase this apparatus was entered into in March; however, the loan agreement was not entered into. This has already been paid for out of MVFD budget, this is essentially paying the District back. The first payment is due in February.

MOTION by Board Member Hudgins to approve Resolution #2017-0010 authorizing Golder Ranch Fire District to enter into a seven year capital lease agreement with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank in the amount of \$542,120.07 for the purchase of a KME Pro-Panther GSO 10499 and associated fire equipment

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Dahl

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

The Board took a brief break at 9:36; they reconvened at 9:40.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Manager Christian presented the monthly financials and reconciliation to the Board. Finance Manager Melissa Tomlinson presented the monthly financials and reconciliation from the previous Mountain Vista Fire District. Board Chairperson Cox Golder asked about who is providing the ambulance services in the previous MVFD now; Chief Karrer explained that AMR is still providing all transports at this time, even though DHS has officially expanded our CON. Once the contracts are signed, there will be a new deployment model. Chief Karrer added that we on-boarded the previous MVFD employees beginning this payroll cycle. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

MOTION by Board Member Clark to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report as presented

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MAY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR) AND GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

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In attendance for the executive session will be Chief Karrer, Chief Brandhuber, Chief Horvath, Manager Painter, Attorney Donna Aversa and the Governing Board Members.

MOTION by Vice Chair Brady enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) for the purpose of legal advice at 9:51 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Dahl

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



MOTION by Board Member Clark to reconvene into Regular Session at 11:03 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Chairperson Cox Golder reminded those in the Executive Session that all matters discussed in Executive Session are confidential pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(C).

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT AND AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR)

Chief Karrer explained that we [GRFD] are working through an agreement with AMR regarding ambulance transportation services through our consolidation and CON expansion. He had asked that AMR rescind their records request and the challenge of the consolidation.

MOTION by Board Member Hudgins approve the ambulance transportation agreement between Golder Ranch Fire District and American Medical Response (AMR) as presented with the provision that AMR will sign this contract within ten business days from today's date

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Dahl

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RETIREMENT OPTIONS FOR THE MOUNTAIN VISTA FIRE DISTRICT LEGACY EMPLOYEES WHO HAD OPTED OUT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)

Chief Karrer explained that there are eight employees who have opted out of the PSPRS. Due to the joiner agreement with ASRS, these employees must be in either ASRS or PSPRS. Chief Karrer has retained an attorney who specializes in ASRS and PSPRS to provide the options for these employees. When employed with Mountain Vista Fire District they opted to stay with a defined contribution plan, due to the number of years of service they previously had with RMFD. The benefit to them going to either ASRS or PSPRS would be that it would be a state benefit plan and include long term disability. Chief Karrer stated that staff is asking for the flexibility to continue to work with these employees and to continue to make these employees whole by providing them \$10,000.

MOTION by Board Member Hudgins to authorize the fire chief to expend up to \$10,000 for each of the eight MVFD sworn employees in transition based on retirement options that are available to these employees to treat them in a consistent and equitable manner with the dollars to come from the MVFD pension fund

MOTION SECONDED by Clerk Hudgins

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

This provides an opportunity for the Board to direct staff to include items on future agendas for further consideration and decision at a later date or to further study the matter.

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10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Clerk Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Clark

MOTION CARRIED 5/0



David Dahl, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
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