

*Peeples Valley Fire District  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
Regular Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by **Judy Garner, President**, at 4:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by **Phil Lobeck**.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** **Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the Regular Session of 08-18-2021.

A motion was made by **Nancy Tschikof** to approve the minutes from the 08-18-2021 Board Meeting.

**Seconded: Phil Lobeck**

**Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

5. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** Members of the community in attendance: **Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Frances Lechner, Scott Mayer, Neil Rifembark, James Serbin**.

- a. **Frances Lechner** presented information from the Yarnell Area Resource Group. The Possibilities Breakfast held on 07-31-2021 Projects Summary information is attached.

6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Fire Chief's Report:

❖ Number of Calls:

Month	Number of EMS Calls	Number of Fire Calls	Number of MVA* Calls	Mutual Aid EMS/Fire	Public Assist
August	11	1	2	0	1
September	7	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 (\$590K). AFG Grant for Fuels Reduction Equipment was awarded (\$231K). PAWUIC Title Three Grant awarded and has closed. We have applied for a Title III Grant to cover our communications needs. We received Healthy Forest Funds (\$48K).
  - ❖ Personnel/Training: Currently have 20 volunteers (8 of which are EMTs). Tender 81 is in California with 2 personnel and Brush 81 is in California with 3 personnel. Squad 81 is in California with a single resource.
  - ❖ Irwin Status: 4 are available.
  - ❖ Apparatus/Equipment: All apparatus and equipment are operational. An F250 4X4 pickup was purchased for the station.
  - ❖ Wildfire Mitigation: Mitigation efforts are being conducted on private property. The fire danger has dropped to the moderate level. The priority is taking care of previously mitigated property that experienced vegetation death.
  - ❖ Water Resources Along Highway 89: The installation of dry hydrant at Hidden Springs is pending.
  - ❖ Additional Hydrants. Once the two new hydrants get installed, a new ISO status will be requested by the PVFD.
- B. Financial Report: August financials were received. End-of-Year financials have been received in a draft format.
- C. Correspondence received by the Board: **Frazier Mayer**, Scribe, presented her resignation letter to **Judy Garner** effective 11-01-2021.
- D. Auxiliary Report: **Lori Bomar** reported the following:
- The Chili and Bingo Night will be held on 10-23-2021 at the Model Creek School at 5:00 PM.
  - The Hoe Down is scheduled for 04-22-2022 (limit 120 attendees).
  - The Trail Ride will be on 04-23-2022, (limit 40 riders) with meals provided by the Auxiliary.
  - The sale of poinsettias will be the December fund raiser.

## 7. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/possible action to approve the draft Year End Financials (June 2021)
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the draft Year End Financials (June 2021).
  - **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
  - **Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
  - **Nays: 0**
  - **Abstain: 0**

Discussion/possible action to approve the August 2021 Treasurer's report.

- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve the August 2021 Treasurers Report.
- **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
- **Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

B. Discussion/possible action to approve Warrant Requests including stipend checks and regularly budgeted items.

- **Dave Schroedl** made a motion to approve the Warrant Requests including stipend checks and regularly budgeted items.
- **Seconded: Nancy Tschikof**
- **Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

C. Discussion/possible action to engage a tax attorney regarding employment tax issues. Jim Serbin presented discussion points to the Board about if our firefighters still considered volunteers or independent contractors or employees. The implications of these options should be explored with an employment tax specialist attorney.

- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to allow **Jim Serbin** to engage an employment tax specialist attorney.
- **Seconded: Nancy Tschikof**
- **Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

D. Discussion/possible action to update the PFVD website. The new website is currently being built. Currently awaiting photos from the Auxiliary and the PVFD. The website should be completed in October 2021.

E. Discussion/possible action regarding a Station Building at Ruger Ranch. **Chief Bomar** estimates the size to be 30X30 on a concrete slab, with required insulation, with two garage doors. Total estimate including the concrete costs, insulation, electrical, and permits for a maximum of \$40K. **Chief Bomar** is requesting the Board's approval to pull permits. Two contractors will be required for the concrete and the building. Suter Heating and Air will be providing the HVAC.

- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to allow **Chief Bomar** to pull permits for the Station Building at Ruger Ranch.
- **Seconded: Nancy Tschikof**
- **Ayes: Judy Garner, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Nancy Tschikof**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

- F. Discussion about placing a Repeater Station at Ruger Ranch. The final cost will be \$16,838. No action will be taken at this time.

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

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for next Regular, Workshop, and Other Meetings.
- Discussion/possible action website update.
  - Discussion/possible action Station Building at Ruger Ranch.
  - Discussion/possible action Repeater Station at Ruger Ranch.
- B. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 10-20-2021, at 4:00 PM.

**9. ADJOURNMENT: Judy Garner adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM.**

**Submitted by: Frazier Mayer, Scribe**