

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, December 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Neil Rifenbark, the chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Wayne.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Regular Session 11-15-2023
Wayne Keller made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11-15-2023 board meeting.
Seconded: Scott Mayer
Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC: none**
 Members of the community in attendance: **Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Ray Paiz, Kelley Paiz, Jacob Loaiza, Ben Archer, Mike Beyle, and Lani Beyle.**

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
November	18	1	0	2	0	2
December	9	0	1	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.
- Completing work on Ready, Set, Go Fuels Reduction Grant for Ruger Ranch.
- Applied for HFI-23-2 Fuels Reduction Grant extending the Model Creek Projects.
- Applied for the Diamondbacks Grant for three EMS monitors.
- USDA grant for Station 82 has not opened yet.

- ❖ Personnel/Training: Currently have 20 personnel (8 EMTs, 3 EMRs).
- ❖ Apparatus/Equipment: all operational.
- ❖ Wildfire Mitigation: continuing

B. Report from District Strategic Plan Development Committee:

Letters were sent to our representatives and board of supervisors for funding the multi-purpose facility.

Report from Weaver Mountains Firewise Communities Coordinators:

The insurance industry gave a report at the Yavapai Firewise meeting that showed how it determines coverage in wildfire risk areas.

C. Correspondence received by the Board:

- ❖ none

D. Auxiliary Report: Peeples Valley Fire District Corporation and Auxiliary
Report to the Board 12.20.23

We held our December meeting on December 2nd at the Historic School House.

As part of our Treasurer's Report, Judy Garner shared that she is checking rates for both National Bank and Credit Union West to ensure the best possible deal as we consider our checking and savings account options. We are awaiting additional information before a decision is made.

Committee Reports:

- Community Outreach & Membership Committee: We are excited to report that the donated cases of Anheuser-Busch Water have arrived! These were donated directly from the local AB distributor as part of their program to support rural fire districts.
- Events Committee: 2024 Training lunches: We will be making a list of members who can cover the lunches throughout the year vs. using Auxiliary funds. Model Creek School Stockings: Stockings were put together by the Auxiliary and will be handed out to our kids on December 22nd.
- Grants & Funding Committee: Donate button update: The proposal for action is ready for our next meeting.

We had a great time with our Christmas Elf Program this Saturday, 12/16. The Auxiliary received a list of 6 families from Lori at Model Creek School. The Auxiliary spent Saturday, Dec. 2nd, wrapping the toys and clothes for our kiddos, and some very generous people from our community donated additional toys, clothes, shoes, and socks. Thank you cards have been sent out to all who supported us.

We also enjoyed a wonderful Fire Family Party, thanks to the hospitality of the Bomar and Paiz's incredible tamale feast! The Auxiliary provided additional dishes, and everyone had a fun time.

Mark your calendars as our popular Chili/Bingo Event is back! Join us on Saturday, January 20th, from 5 – 8 PM at Model Creek School for a night of chili, cornbread,

and cobbler, plus the chance to win big. Dinner tickets will be \$10/person, bingo packs will be \$10, and you must be 21 or older to participate. This event is a fundraiser to upgrade medical equipment for our Fire Department.

Submitted by Karen Stafford, PVFD Auxiliary President, to Lori Bomar for presentation to the Board on 12.20.23.

7. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/possible action to approve the November 2023 Financial Report presented by The James Vincent Group.
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the November 2023 Financial Report as presented by The James Vincent Group.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- B. Discussion/possible action to approve December Warrant Requests.
- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve the December Warrant Requests.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- C. Discussion/possible action to accept donation of ten acres of Maughan Property for the multi-purpose facility.
- Discussion only – the land will be donated to the PVFD Auxiliary.
- D. Discussion/possible action to begin automated bill-paying services.
- No action
- E. Discussion/possible action to begin analysis for the sale of existing fire station property.
- No action – information only that Station 81 may be sold at some point due to the new Hays Ranch Road facility.
- F. Discussion/possible action to approve adjacent annexation request.
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to table the above.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**

- G. Discussion/possible action to approve an amended Automatic Aid Agreement with Yarnell Fire.
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve an amended Automatic Aid Agreement with Yarnell Fire.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**

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

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for the next Regular, Workshops and Other Meetings.
- B. Upcoming Meeting Date: Next Regular Session – January 17, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

9. **ADJOURNMENT: Neil Rifenbark** adjourned the meeting at 11:19 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lori Bomar, Administration