

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 3:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Neil Rifenkark, **Member**, at 3:02 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ray Paiz led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** Lindon Gareis (via telephone), Phil Lobeck, Dave Schroedl, Neil Rifenkark, and Wayne Keller – all present
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. Regular Meeting Session 12-15-2022
 - Motion was made by Wayne Keller to approve the minutes from the 12-15-2022 Regular Board meeting.
 - 2nd by Dave Schroedl.
 - AYES: 5
 - NAYS:0
 - ABSTAIN: 0
 - Motion Carried
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** Members of the community in attendance: Judy Garner, Shawn Bomar, Lori Bomar, Ray Paiz, Lew Theokas, James Jacobs, Jacob Loaiza, Ronnie Hernandez, Karen Stafford, Karl Kennedy, and Charla Jordan.
6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Fire Chief's Report:
 Number of Calls:

Month	Mutual Aid	Medical	Fire Vegetation	Fire Structure	Public Assist	MVA*	Total
December	1	8	0	0	1	0	10
January	0	4	0	1	0	0	5

*MVA – Motor Vehicle Accident

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

❖ Grants:

- Continuing: Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant HFI-21-307-near completion
- Beginning: HFI-22
- Continuing: Title III Forestry Fee Grant
- Continuing: Partner Safer Grant with Southern Yavapai Fire
- Wildland Coalition grant application will be opening
- Applied for 10/07/22 USFDA Wildfire Defense Grant - CWPP

❖ Personnel/Training: Currently have 28 personnel (10 of which are EMTs). EMR Training is in Progress – three staff members, AWIMA – 10 staff are registered, 212 Basic Sawyer Training Completed in-house by instructor Ronnie Hernandez

❖ Fuels Reduction: Model Creek Phase 2 hand crews have five more days until completion, and the Mastication Machine has four more days. M81 has completed

400 hours of work with approximately 100 acres treated.

- ❖ IROC Status: 20
 - ❖ OOD Assignments All Crews are back in District.
 - ❖ Apparatus/Equipment: Bush 81 will be complete by the end of January.
 - ❖ Firewise Communities: No meeting until February. The Buckhorn Road meeting is being held on January 28th at the Old Peoples Valley School. Model Creek Road owners will meet this Saturday, January 21st.
- B. Report from District Strategic Plan Development Committee - Met to develop and adopt Mission and Vision Statements of the Strategic Plan. The statements will be presented to the Fire Board in February. Next starting on the Goal of Asset Management, accessing strengths and weaknesses: accountability and ownership of Assets.
- C. Financial Report: October, November, and December financials have been tabled until the next meeting.
- D. Correspondence received by the Board: - None
- E. Auxiliary Report: The January meeting summarized: Meeting held Saturday, Jan. 7th, 2023. Celebrated another successful Santa Drive on December 17th for the Peoples Valley community and six Christmas Angel families. Stockings were distributed on December 16th for the Model Creek School students. Many thanks to Lew & Marcie Theokis as Santa & Mrs. Claus and members of the fire district and auxiliary. Also appreciated were the donations of meals for the Christmas Angel families and Southern Yavapai Fire for donating their leftover Christmas Angel toys. 2023 Officer elections were held. President: Karen Stafford, Vice President: Angie Davis, Treasurer: Judy Garner, Recording Secretary: Lani Beyle, and Corresponding Secretary: Kelley Paiz. The next meeting will be held on February 4th at the fire station at 9:00 AM.
- F. Comments from AFDA Attendees – Lindon Gareis, Dave Schroedl & Neil Rifenburg attended. Chief Bomar was also present. Comments were made regarding the new tax laws affecting fire operations. Revenues for operations are from the tax base. They established several contacts, including leadership with Daisy Mountain Fire and Verde Valley Fire. Networking is valuable.

7. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/possible action to approve the October, November & December 2022 Treasurers Reports.
- Motion made by Phil Lobeck to table approval of the October, November & December Treasurer's report until next month.
 - 2nd Wayne Keller
 - AYES: 5
 - NAYS: 0
 - ABSTAIN: 0
 - Motion Carried
- B. Discussion/possible action to approve January Warrant Requests
- Motion made by Dave Schroedl to approve January Warrant Requests.
 - 2nd Phil Lobeck.
 - AYES: 5
 - NAYS: 0
 - ABSTAIN: 0
 - Motion Carried

- C. Discussion/possible action Station Building at Ruger Ranch.
 - There are Auxiliary funds available for permitting and engineering.
 - Ruger Ranch individuals may make contributions to the Auxiliary.
- D. Discussion/possible action for meetings with Accountant and Auditors(s).
 - Neil Rifenbark recommends setting up a meeting with an accounting firm. Requested that the meeting attendees should be Chief Bomar, Dave Schroedl, and Lindon Gareis. They will report back at the next meeting.
- E. Discussion/possible action to add check signors.
 - Remove Judy Garner, add either Lindon Gareis or Wayne Keller.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; UPCOMING MEETING DATE

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for the next Regular, Workshops and other Meetings.
 - a. Discussion/possible action to approve the October, November, December 2022, and January 2023 Treasurer's Reports
 - b. Discussion/possible action to approve February Warrant Requests.
 - c. Discussion/possible action Station Building at Ruger Ranch.
 - d. Discussion/possible action on meeting with accountant contact.
 - e. Discussion/possible action to add check signors.
 - f. Discussion/possible action to adopt the mission and vision statements presented by the Strategic Plan Development Committee.
 - g. Discussion/possible action for compensation to the property owner for Repeater Station.
- B. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 02-16-2023, at 3:00 PM at Old Peoples Valley School.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Neil Rifenbark adjourned the meeting at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Charla Jordan, Scribe