

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, August 17, 2023, 3:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Neil Rifembark, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Sara Simonton.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** x Neil Rifembark, x Phil Lobeck, x Wayne Keller, x James Jacobs, x Scott Mayer
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Session 07-20-2023**
Wayne Keller made a motion to approve the minutes from the 07-20-2023 board meeting.
Seconded: Neil Rifembark
Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifembark, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer
Nays: 0
Abstain: Phil Lobeck
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC: none**
 Members of the community in attendance: Lori Bomar, Shawn Bomar, Ray Paiz, Lew Theokas, Karl Kennedy, Mike Hoffman, Lindon Gareis, Sherry Gareis, Sara Simonton

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	Structure	Public Assist
July	7	3	1	0	2
August	4	1	1	0	1

*MVA – Motor Vehicle Accident

❖ Grants:

- Continuing Safer Grant with Southern Yavapai Fire.
- Applied for Homeland Security Grant for communications.
- Applied for Fire Prevention Grant for Wildland Coalition.
- Applied for Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant HFI-23.

❖ Personnel/Training: Currently have 21 personnel (8 EMTs, 3 EMRs).

❖ IROC Status: 17 are available

❖ Apparatus/Equipment: all operational except T81. It is in for repairs.

- ❖ Wildfire Mitigation: no activity at this time due to weather.
- B. Report from District Strategic Plan Development Committee: by Ray Paiz
- ❖ 20-acre site for Public Safety Multi-Use facility building(s) – representatives from many entities were present: Wickenburg Hospital, International Medical Direction, Peoples Valley Fire, Yarnell Elementary School District, Yarnell residents, Peoples Valley residents, Schafer Construction, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Bureau of Land Management, Yavapai County Sheriff, Yavapai County Emergency Operations, and Yavapai County Education Service Agency.
 - ❖ Ray Paiz summarized his meeting with Supervisor Oberg and his support of the facility.
 - ❖ Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Committee – compliments to Peoples Valley Fire District for their work and reports.

C. Correspondence received by the Board:

- ❖ See E and F under business

D. Auxiliary Report: We held our August meeting on August 5th at Fire Station 81.

Ray Paiz and Chief Bomar briefed us on a proposed multipurpose facility and its potential connection to the Auxiliary. We look forward to hearing more as plans develop.

Mark your calendars and hold the date! We are planning a communitywide event you won't want to miss: Our Weaver Mountains Fall Festival fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th, from 10 AM – 4 PM. From Dick Meyer's famous biscuits & gravy & cowboy coffee to hosting local vendors, a car show, games, and hotdogs & brats for sale, we're anticipating a day of fun for all ages. Come in costume for an extra treat! Watch for more information on our website, Facebook page, and Yellow Sheet soon.

Speaking of events, our Events Committee will sponsor another fine lunch for the Fire Crew's training this Saturday.

Our Grants, Funding & Qualified Charitable Organization Committee is exploring a "Donate" button for our website and Facebook page. This will make donating to the Auxiliary easier than ever. This committee is also looking into the potential for water donations from distributors who will actually deliver, as well as researching additional grant opportunities that support the priorities of the Fire District.

Our Membership & Community Outreach Committee is always looking for new members and is working to plan out priorities for the rest of the calendar year. Stay tuned for more in our next report.

Lastly, we voted to purchase a new AED for the Old School in the amount of \$2000, and the order has been placed.

Our next meeting will be September 9th at 9 AM at Station 81. Join us!

Submitted by Karen Stafford, PVFD Auxiliary President, for presentation to the Board on 8.17.23.

7. BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by the James Vincent Group Accounting Firm.
Sara Simonton presented the financial report.
- B. Discussion/possible action to approve the June and July 2023 Financial Reports.
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the June and July 2023 Financial Reports.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- C. Discussion/possible action to approve August Warrant Requests.
- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve the August Warrant Requests.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- D. Discussion/possible action to obtain debit cards to replace the current credit cards.
- No action
- E. Discussion/possible action to approve joining 1GPA.
- **Scott Mayer** made a motion to approve joining 1GPA.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- F. Discussion/possible action to approve joining Mohave Cooperative.
- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve joining Mohave Cooperative.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- G. Discussion/possible action to enter into an automatic aid agreement with Yarnell Fire.
- **Scott Mayer** made a motion to commence discussion with Yarnell Fire Board for an automatic aid agreement with Yarnell Fire District.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, James Jacobs, Scott**

Mayer

- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

H. Discussion/possible action to approve Strategic Goal #1 and objectives for the Strategic Plan.

- **Scott Mayer** made a motion to approve Strategic Goal #1 and objectives for the Strategic Plan.
- **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
- **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Abstain: James Jacobs**

I. Discussion/possible action to change the time and day of regular fire board meetings.

- **Scott Mayer** made a motion to change the time and day of regular fire board meetings to the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM beginning in October.
- **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
- **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.

- ❖ Discussion on open meeting laws.

B. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023, at 3:00 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Neil Rifenbark adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lori Bomar, Administration