

# PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

December 1, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Vernon Fire Station, Vernon, AZ 85940

1. **Call to Order:** Time: 1:01pm
2. **Roll Call:** Tony Anderson excused, Jodie Humphrey excused, Steve Miller present, Sara King present, and Steve Coombs present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Chairman Coombs
4. **Recognition of Guests:** No guest present.
5. **Call to the Public:** No member of the public present.
6. **Reports and Correspondence:**

**A. Chair Summary:** None given.

**B. Chief's Report:** Chief Niehuis presented his report (see attached).

**C. Financial Report:** The financial report for October was given by Barbra Barclay.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

**A. BAI-120117-001: Approval of the November1, 2017 Board Meeting Session minutes.**

**B. BAI-120117-002: Approval of the Financial report for October2017.** Motion to approve items A. and B. made by Director Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director King. Vote: unanimous "yes", Motion passed.

8. **Business:**

**B. BAI\_120117-004 Discussion and possible action concerning: The lack of assessment and collection of taxes on properties within the Vernon Fire District; the payment of taxes to the Vernon Fire District of properties not in te Vernon Fire District; and the failure to assess properties; possible vote to go into executive session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) regarding the same.** \*\*Note: This item moved to first position to accommodate the necessary and time dependent phone call with legal counsel for executive session. Chairman Coombs moved the open meeting into executive session at 1:27pm for the conference call to legal counsel. **\*\*Chairman Coombs reconvened the Open Meeting at 2:40pm. BAI-120117-004 (Continued)** Chairman Coombs made a recommendation for a motion that allows the Chairman to enter into discussions with county management and our district's supervisor pertaining to the bullet points discussed in executive session, as advised by legal counsel. Motion made by Director Miller to authorize Chairman Coombs, per advice of legal counsel, to enter into discussion and possible negotiation with Apache County surrounding item 8.B. Director made the second. Vote: unanimous Yes". The motion passed

**A. BAI-120117-003 Discussion and possible action concerning the retro fit of Vernon Dire District truck Brush 26, a type 6 brush truck. This includes the possible to establish a monetary limit for the Chief to complete the work.** \*\*Note: Item moved to second position to accommodate the necessary and time dependent phone call with legal counsel for executive session for item B.

Discussion to assess the need to retrofit the aged-out tank and assembly for the Brush 26 truck with a new bed, tank and fittings that can be used with another truck in the future and to decide the Chief's monetary spending limit. Motion made by Director Miller that the Board authorize the Chief to spend up to \$25,000 to retrofit the Brush 26 truck from the 6000 Budget account, line item Wildland Reserves. Director King made the second. Vote: unanimous "Yes". Motion passed.

9. **Future Agenda Items:**

Chairman Coombs suggested Item 8. B. To be returned to the next meeting's agenda for discussion along with a review of the 6-month financials and a preliminary discussion of next fiscal year's budget.

10. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Director Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director King. Vote: unanimous "Yes". Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:08pm.