

# Minutes Special Meeting of the Vernon Fire District Board

April 8, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Vernon Fire District Station 1,  
County Road 3140, Vernon, AZ

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 09:36
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Tony Anderson excused, Jodie Humphrey present, Steve Miller present, Sara King present, and Steve Coombs present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:** Chief Niehuis led the prayer.
4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No members of the public present.
5. **BUSINESS:**
  - B. **Discussion of Board items to be considered from April to December 2017, possible change of dates for meetings due to scheduling conflicts, and possible dates and times for any future Special Meetings (work sessions) of the Board; Plus discussion of a Strategic Planning Committee to be appointed by the Board Chair; Plus projects being worked on by the Chief and Administration, including requested assistance of individual Board Members.** Discussion of Board Meeting date changes to accommodate budget planning and public hearings for the budget. May meeting changed to the third Tuesday, May 16, for budget discussion and approval of the Preliminary Budget. The June meeting will be changed to June 10, for the Public Hearing of the Budget and the final approval. The July meeting will return to the normal scheduled date of July 25. Discussion of the future formation of a Board Strategic Planning Committee resulted in Director Humphrey and Director Miller agreeing to work with Chief Niehuis in an advisory capacity to explore a preliminary plan for the formation of the Strategic Plan Committee. Discussion of long-range meeting dates to address various items of Board business, such as insurance renewal, Worker's Compensation insurance renewal, annual policy changes, and financial accounts' locations.
  - A. **Work Session to discuss and to take action in formulating a preliminary 2017/2018 Budget. This will be a line-by-line review by the Board of the proposed Budget as submitted by the Chief.** Discussion of line items resulted in a consensus of the Board to agree to an increase of budgeted amounts for wages for firefighters and captains by 4%, and an increase to reserve firefighter's wages to \$15.00/hour. The discussion also led to the board, by consensus, to request an increase in the budgeted amount for Operations: Training/Recerts/Medical Exams/DPS to \$23,150 to allow for much needed medical exams and training for firefighters and offer CPR training to the community.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Steve Miller, Second Sara King, vote 4-0 12:45