



Yucca Fire District

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YUCCA FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the Yucca Fire District met in special session on **April 17, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.** The meeting was held at the Yucca Fire Station #1 located at 12349 Frontage Road, Yucca, AZ 96438. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER.

- Chairman Knowles called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS.

- Clerk Kayla Carr, Director Jim Fox and Chairman Richard Knowles were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. BUSINESS. *Public wishing to speak on agenda items must complete a speaker card and present to the Board Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

A. Discussion and possible action regarding: Order feasibility study for possible consolidation of Golden Valley Fire District and Yucca Fire District.

- Chief Cunningham stated that all Fire Districts are being impacted by inflation and a lot of them are starting to consolidate or merge under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) or a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to save on costs. The current IGA with Yucca and Golden Valley will be increasing again this year due to inflation. The surrounding Districts are looking into a JPA that would include the larger districts that have assets. That would leave out Yucca Fire but if Yucca Fire was consolidated with Golden Valley they would not be left out. I feel this is the time to consolidate. Chief explained the steps to consolidate. First the feasibility study, then each board needs to vote move forward with consolidation, than it goes to the Board of Supervisors and a public hearing will be called. The study should cost around 12k to 15k and will be split with Golden Valley Fire. Clerk Carr asked what would happen to staffing and the Yucca Board. Chief stated that the Yucca Fire Station will be treated as an additional station to Golden Valley Fire. We would staff with POC's and GVFD staff. The Board would be a 5 member board made up of YFD and GVFD board members. There are rules that we would have to follow to transition. Future elections would include the Golden Valley and Yucca citizens to run for a seat on the board.
 - Clerk Carr motioned the Governing Board to order a feasibility study for consolidation and Yucca Fire District will pay half the cost. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding: Report to board information obtained regarding the Star Link Satellite service for internet.

- Chief Cunningham stated that staff looking into Star Link and because we are a business the costs are higher. The setup would be \$2,500 and then \$250 per month. Which is double what we are paying currently. At this time I feel we should stay with what we have.
 - No Action

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding: Possible purchase of a Type I Fire Engine.
- Chief Cunningham stated he was informed of a Type 1 Fire Engine in Prescott in good condition for sale for \$12k. This Engine came from Lake Havasu Fire Department. It is being moved to Lake Havasu and I would like to have our mechanic look it over first. This would be our only Type 1 Engine for structure fires, currently we only have water tenders. So, when we are staffed we would send the Engine with a Water Tender to a structure fire.
 - Clerk Carr motioned the Governing Board to direct the Fire Chief to order an inspection of the Fire Engine and give authority for the Fire Chief to purchase. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC. *Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Yucca Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public, unless the item is specifically noticed for discussion or legal action. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the Agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.*

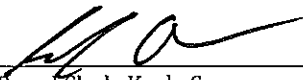
- Chief Cunningham wants to inform the public that our website company was currently bought out by another company and they are having technical difficulty. Staff did post the agenda and it shows posted on our side and staff can view it but for the public view it is not showing. The agenda was posted to our posting sites. Our website did have the meeting date, time and location posting but the agenda would not show. Until this is corrected we will post the minutes and future agendas to the Yucca Fire Facebook page.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

- Clerk Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Fox 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. Chairman Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

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Date: 04/17/2023

By: 
Board Clerk, Kayla Carr

Approved: 05/15/2023