

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dec 5, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, and Secretary Nina Bour-Beau.

Members at Large: Denise Manone, John Sutherland.

Others Present: Stacy Pizzirusso, Phillip St. George, Michael Smith, J.R. (Buddy) Cloy, Amy Cramer, Joyce Ritner, Tom Blessin, Rose & Craig Davis, Vicki Velasquez, Jeff Babb, Lisa-Marie Campbell.

3. Discussion and possible action re: possible vote on appointment for John Rice to the temporary position of Fire Chief through Jan 26, 2026.

Board Member John Sutherland motioned that we appoint John Rice as temporary Fire Chief through Jan 26, 2026, date to be amended as needed, while Chief Shearer is out for surgery. The motion was seconded by Board Member Richard Mayer. The motion was carried by all.

4. Discussion and possible action re: compensation for John Rice for the temporary position of Fire Chief.

Board Member John Sutherland motioned for temporary Chief Salary for John Rice in the amount of \$66,000.00 per year (\$2,583.40 bi-weekly) – which is the same salary Chief Shearer makes. The motion was seconded by Richard Mayer. The motion was carried by all.

The Board Chair permitted comments from the public relating to the temporary appointment and the Chief's compensation:

Stacy Pizzirusso commented on the Chief being on Workers' Compensation. Board Chair Arlon Rice stated that the Chief could not be fired while on Workers Compensation. Stacy Pizzirusso stated that was not true and that the Chief could be fired but not for filing Workers Compensation claim.

Phillip St. George asked if the Chief still receives full salary while he is on Workers' Compensation. Lisa-Marie Campbell stated that 66% of salary is paid by Workmen's

Compensation. Board Chair, Arlon Rice, indicated the Board would discuss this issue at the December meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Chair adjourned the special meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau, YFD Secretary