

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

The Yanell Fire District Board of Directors held a Board meeting as follows:

Date: Monday, March 16, 2026

Time: 10:06 a.m.

Location: In-person and via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Board Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Members present: Arlon Rice, Board Chair; Nina Bour-Beau, Secretary; John Sutherland, Member-at-Large.

Excused Absent: Richard Mayer, Treasurer

Others present: Jeff Shearer, Fire Chief Anthony Tunis, Fire Chief, Chief Bryan Smith, Constable Bill Risen

8 guests per the sign in sheets, and 1 walk in, Rose Davis.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board Member John Sutherland motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026. Second by Board Secretary Nina M. Bour-Beau. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Chairman's Report. There was no report from the Chairman.

B. Secretary's Report – There was no report from the Secretary

C. Treasurer's Report

a. Discussion/possible approval of treasurer's report presented by Board Secretary Nina M Bour-Beau.

General Fund	\$ 6,738.38
Capital:	\$ 138,810.36
Donations & Grants	\$ 3,723.14
Pension:	\$ 18,953.08
Shuttle:	\$ 5,060.67
Training:	\$ 7,281.28
Wildland Fire	\$ 113,966.24

Board Member John Sutherland motioned to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Board Chair Arlon Rice. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible approval of transfer log:

DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
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2/25/2026	\$17,914.41	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUND	BILLS/LAWYERS FEES
3/4/2026	\$16,371.05	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL/STIPENDS/BILLS
3/11/2026	7,177.56	FROM CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUND	BILLS

Board Chair Arlon Rice motioned to approve the transfer log. The motion was seconded by Board Member John Sutherland. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Chief's Report: The Chief's report was given by Chief Bryan Smith.

a. Administration

Response time in town is under 4 minutes. Response time in Glen Ilah is under 6 minutes. The National Response Time is 8 minutes which Chief is working hard to get our Glen Ilah response time less than 6 minutes.

b. Equipment

E98 has new tires. All vehicles have new medical boxes.

E419 needs extensive engine repairs, this vehicle will be out of Yarnell for repairs for at least one week. Engine must be totally taken out of the truck and repaired. Yarnell Fire will have a backup truck. E419 has new hose reel, the prior one on the engine was dry rotted.

The Air Compressor was just done, Yarnell Fire needs certificate

Ladder testing was done and was passed by outside third party.

c. Training

Chief Bryan Smith thanked Chief Shearer for clearing Allen Hernandez to take the EMT class.

EMT program will start in April. Two employees in Yarnell Fire have signed up.

Wildland Fire Academy 15 people have signed up. Annual ATV refresher class will be available shortly.

d. Miscellaneous

Chief Smith met with Fire Marshall in Yarnell at Yarnell Water Improvement Association, working with local water board. Flow test was done. Water Company states what Yarnell Fire can do.

Regarding Wildland Fire, consortium gets called to the East Coast and generally doesn't do Midwest proper and have received no calls for yet. If we do get called, we will go.

e. Call Volume

13 total calls last month including Trail Rescue at the State Park.

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Four board letters were received and copied for the board. Arlon emphasized again that persons interested in the board and not picked this time, should be registered for the November ballot to take Arlon Rice and Richard Mayers' place as their term is up 2026.

The following individuals turned in letters: Stacy Pizzirusso, Kim Kelso, Jason Allen Root and Celeste Cook. All the people who turned in letters can bring good talents to the board.

Board Member John Sutherland motioned to approve Celeste Cook to the board. Second by Board Chair Arlon Rice. Motion approved unanimously. Celeste Cook has worked for Game and Fish, Motor Vehicle Division and Secretary to Attorney General and is familiar with AZ revised statutes. She will be introduced to public at the next meeting.

B. Budget: Chief Smith reported that the budget is still being gone over and he is trying to save money. Anything that is taken out of one area will be put in payroll.

VFIS is our insurance company and they will be coming up to Yarnell in 2 weeks to look at the vehicles we have. Insurance for vehicles is approximately \$500 per vehicle.

March 1, we have paramedic services in Yarnell. Yarnell has two full-time people on the payroll presently. Shoot for 100% percent. 2 paramedics qualify as life support.

7. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was held. Chief received his 24-hour notice via Constable Bill Risen but he no longer lives at that address and due to only 2 board member votes, and 1 vote no, there was no majority vote and there was no executive session

8. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION also not done.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Nina Bill Overmeyer, a resident asked Chief about the original deed. Chief Shearer was asked to bring to this meeting and he doesn't have it. He stated Frankie Linzie, the realtor has it.

Stacy Pizzirusso, a resident stated that she believes the original title is voided by the County and the board will have to verify this.

Per Nina Bill Overmeyer, a resident if someone gets a hold of original title that per Board Secretary Nina Bour-Beau, Mills stated he signed a prior one, and if this gets filed, it will mess up the title. Nina Bill stated that the original title needs to be destroyed.

Stacy Pizzirusso, a resident stated that it was rattlesnake season fast coming up. She asked if the fire district was Yarnell Fire would call the hospital before transport to make sure they have the anti-venom. Per Stacy there are 12 species of rattlesnakes in Arizona, and everyone should be aware of the kind of snake and the color that is sighted.

Level of Fire – high per Chief Smith in Yavapai County and Statewide. No restrictions yet but those will start early this year.

Next meeting is April 20th, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am by Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau