

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD REGULAR SESSION MINUTES DRAFT

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

Date: Monday, June 15 , 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: In-person and via Zoom-no people on zoom

Introduction: Impromptu from Board Chair, Arlon Rice read a summary of Yarnell Fire 2013. We need to be aware and alert, keeping an eye on the Community. Find out what we can do to help. Be mindful.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Board Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Others present: Deputy Chief Anthony Tunis, Fire Chief, Chief Bryan Smith
9 guests per the sign in sheets, zero on zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Review and possible approval of Minutes of Executive Session of April 20 2026.
Board member, John Sutherland motioned, second by Celeste Cook. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Review and possible approval of Minutes of Regular Session of May 18, 2026.
Board Treasurer, Celeste Cook, second by Board Chair, Arlon Rice. The motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Board member, John Sutherland motioned to approve the corrected minutes of Dec 15, 2025.
Second by Celeste Cook. The motion was approved unanimously.
- D. Board member, John Sutherland motioned to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026.
Second by Celeste Cook. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. 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 Treasurer, Celeste Cook.

General Fund	\$ 16,962.26
Capital:	\$ 155,735.60
Donations & Grants	\$ 4,077.20
Pension:	\$ 16,130.70
Shuttle:	\$ 5,084.37
Training:	\$ 7,348.63
Wildland Fire	\$ 129,965.14

Questions: Stacy Pizzirusso asked why money was in the Shuttle account. Shuttle account was on hold based on State of AZ signing a contract with us and they backed out due to funding. Board Secretary, Nina Bour-Beau stated that the money was mainly used for payroll and fuel costs of the shuttles.

Wildland account: residual, money we made.

Board Member, John Sutherland motioned to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary, Nina Bour-Beau. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible approval of transfer log:

DATE	AMOUNT		REASON
5/20/2026	\$4,295.63	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	BILLS
5/27/2026	\$980.63	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	PAYROLL/BILLS
6/3/2026	\$1,030.05	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	STIPENDS/BILLS
6/10/2026	\$3,153.65	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	PAYROLL/BILLS
6/12/2026	\$16,762.26	GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL RESERVE	TAXES/INTEREST

Board Secretary, Nina M. Bour-Beau motioned to approve the transfer log. Second by Board Chair, Arlon Rice. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- a. Administration

- b. Equipment: Miscellaneous E98 back from New Mexico Fire, new air components, tires, excellent working condition. Missing stuff – large diameter hose, 1000 ft hose, we have the smaller ones which don't work as well with the hydrants. Larger hose provides less pressure, easier on the equipment, standardized nodules, all gear and equipment are identical across the fleet. Plus the larger hoses can be hooked up to one further away if there is no pressure to hydrant. Per Stacy Pizzirusso, a resident, the hose at her house has

no pressure. Chief Smith is working with the water board painting the hydrants, color coded to hydrant pressure. Temp board position – past letters are good.

- c. Training: 1 EMT class completed, early July the other class starts. Paramedic class done: first attempt 88% of people passed, and our people passed on the first attempt.
- d. Miscellaneous: Yarnell Fire assisted with the fire in Buckeye, and in Wickenburg.
- e. Call Volume
There were 34 for May. Total Time: Yarnell response 4 minutes, Glen Ilah response minutes. There were two fires on Yarnell Hill, one was for someone pulling over and grilling hotdogs Congress Fire & State Fire, the other one was at the bottom of the hill, Congress Fire & Peoples Valley Fire, authorities still not sure what started this one.
- f. Grants: FF Grants, Safer Grants, spending allocations, new Fire Station for Mayer, regional water tenders: Congress, Williamson Valley, Crown King, newer equipment to be re-allocated when the stations get new tenders.
AFT regional grants, hoses & tools. Monitors, trade in value with manufacturers for newer monitors.
Grants for turn outs, get us up to speed on turn outs

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Temporary board position to fill in for Richard, the past letters turned in are still good. Short duration, running in the elections, 2 positions were originally up in end of November, (Arlon Rice and Richard Mayer) but Richard died April 29, 2026 so his position is up now. Board has until July (90 days) to fill Richards' board member position. We have to vote for temp position in July meeting. 90 days will be up then.
Arlon Rice, Board Member asked for questions:
Rose Davis, a Peoples Valley Resident, did board members look at and read the letters?
Arlon Rice, Board Chair, answered yes.
Arlon Rice, Board Chair stated that board members have to be a citizen of the district for over 1 year to be on the Fire Board. In July, the board may go into executive session for board member selection in July meeting.
Arlon board chair to call on the people of prior board letters submitted to see if interest is still there.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. BUDGET; Celeste Cook, Board Treasurer, motioned to accept the final budget. Nina Bour-Beau seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. INVENTORY SHEET OF RETURNED ITEMS OF FORMER FIRE CHIEF ON HOLD PENDING SCHEDULING ISSUES. Nina will work on the full list of inventory that the former Chief turned in.
Arlon Rice, Board Chair asked for questions.
Rose Davis, Peoples Valley resident, asked why not this meeting was the list of items returned by the former chief not ready. We need to not put anything off anymore. Arlon Rice, board Chair, stated that we are trying, that we are moving forward. Arlon Rice, Board Chair, stated that Rose was not a resident of Yarnell under the statutes. Rose Davis asked if he knew the number. Arlon Rice asked Rose Davis why she was interested in this since she doesn't reside here. Rose Davis stated she is a resident and walked out.

Stacy Pizzirusso suggestion to keep fresh blood on the board, that we need to only have the term every 4 years and don't re-run. Per Arlon Rice, Board Chair, both Arlon and Richard kept re-running because nobody ran against them in the prior years. Nothing in law or statues have anything regarding term of board.

6. **POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:** N/A

7. **RECOVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION:** N/A

8. **CALL TO PUBLIC:** N/A

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Next board meeting is July 20, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am by Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau