

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD MINUTES

October 20, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Nina Bour-Beau,
Members at Large: Denise Manone, John Sutherland and Chief Shearer.

Call in: Bill Whittington, lawyer

Guest: Tom Blessin, Stacey Pizzirusso

B: REPORTS and CORRESPONDENCE: none from chairman and secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Richard motioned to approve the Board Meeting of September 15, 2025, second by John. Motion carried by all.
- B. Richard motioned to approve the Minutes of Regular Session of October 7, 2025, second by John. Motion carried by all.
- C. Richard motioned to approve the Minutes of Executive Session and Open Session of October 7, 2025, second by John. Motion carried by all.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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

B. Secretary's Report-Letters and Correspondence. There was no report from secretary.

C: Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion/possible approval of treasurer's report.

a. General Fund:	\$8,311.94
Capital:	\$ 96,904.57
Donations & Grants	\$3,073.23
Pension:	\$25,382.11
Shuttle:	\$2,998.73
Training:	\$5,613.08
Wildland Fire	\$6,046.50

John motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Denise. Motion carried by all.

2. Discussion/possible approval of transfer log.

DATE	AMOUNT		REASON
9/17/2025	\$10,312.52	FROM TRAINING TO GENERAL FUND	CAREER PAYROLL
9/17/2025	\$8,990.99	FROM WILDLAND FIRE TO GENERAL	WILDLAND AND BILLS
9/24/2025	\$14,258.44	FROM WILDLAND TO GENERAL FUND	WILDLAND PAY ROLL AND BILLS
10/1/2025	\$1,722.62	FROM WILDLAND FIRE TO GENERAL	WILDLAND PAY ROLL AND BILLS
10/1/2025	\$4,000.00	FROM SHUTTLE TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL AND BILLS
10/1/2025	\$7,281.97	FROM CAPITAL TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL AND BILLS
10/8/2025	\$2,857.59	FROM YARNELL TRAINING TO GENERAL	STIPENDS AND BILLS
10/15/2025	\$12,181.57	FROM CAPITAL TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL AND BILLS

John motioned to approve transfer log. Second by Nina. Motion carried by all.

D Chief's Report:

a. Administration:

Chief signed up in On-Line safety class for safety officer.

Caden Smith will be teaching the Cadets in the Cadet class starting at end of October.

Chief and Tom Blessin will be teaching the EMT class

Chief has set up Lisa-Marie for AZ Noncriminal Justice Compliance Program so she will be certified for fingerprinting on new employees.

All Wildland Fire billing has been submitted with one waiting on approval.

Mikaela might be going to another assignment in Washington state, there is no fire, just clean up.

b. Equipment:

T401-Tom has ordered parts for transmission hose leak

E419-Chief has repaired the air leak and battery charger.

E419-scheduled for pump test on Oct 27, 2025. Estimated cost \$1,200.00. Ladders don't have to be tested per Chief.

b. Training:

3 out of 5 EMT students have completed their IV, Albuterol, and Narcan class for their certs.

John Rice completed a training session on pumping and hose lays.

d. Miscellaneous:

Chief working on SCBA's with ADEQ Grant with the State.

We can get free turnouts with the State of AZ per Chief with this Grant.

Pancake breakfast – made \$206.00 October 18, 2025

Rashaun, Tom, Jacob and Chief started a workout program at the Station with Chief's equipment.

e. Call Volume:

22 total calls: 17 EMS, 1 MVA., 1 Mutual Aid, 3 Public Assists

f. Grants Report:

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5. OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Possible Approval of In District, Out of District Stipends for Employees.

SOG #333-the last 3 of inpatient listed should be per day and not per call. Nina will correct and

have copies for all the board members. This will be retroactive October 1 through 31 for the November payroll. John motioned to accept the SOG #333 with corrections, second by Arlon.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Discussion and possible action re: possible vote to go into executive session for:**
 - i. **Personnel matters, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) regarding the Fire Chief's employment; legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) re: same.**
 - ii. **To receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) re: open meeting law compliance.**
 - iii. **Possible instructions to attorney, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) regarding the Fire Chief's contract.**

Arlon motioned to go into executive session for the purposes stated in Agenda Items 7A (1)-(3). Seconded by Nina, Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The Board Chairman adjourned the executive session meeting at approximately 11:54 a.m. The Board Chairman reconvened the public session meeting at approximately 11:55 a.m.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Stacey Pizzarusso commented that she has personally lost faith in the fire department. Based on her past history, she is afraid that if her cancer comes back, or she has other medical issues, that she can't rely on our Fire Department. She will volunteer to help our Fire Department. She also heard all the rumors and other dissatisfaction with Fire department and commented that where are other people who are not happy. Chief commented that he's got her back.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon at 10:59 am.

The next regular session will be held on November 17th.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau, YFD Secretary