

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: In-person and via Zoom-3 people on zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Board Chair, Arlon Rice, introduced Celeste Cook as new board member, audience applauded.

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

16 guests per the sign in sheets,

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CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Review and possible approval of Minutes of Regular Session of March 16, 2026
Board Treasurer, Richard Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of March 16, 2026, Board member, John Sutherland seconded. The motioned was approved unanimously.
- B. Review and possible approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of March 23, 2026
Board Treasurer, Richard Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of March 16, 2026, Board member, John Sutherland seconded. The motioned was approved unanimously.
- C. Review and possible approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of April 13, 2026.
Board Treasurer, Richard Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026, Board chair, Arlon Rice seconded. 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, Richard Mayer

General Fund	\$ 5,550.82
Capital:	\$ 118,137.10
Donations & Grants	\$ 4,049.17
Pension:	\$ 20,262.51
Shuttle:	\$ 5,057.60
Training:	\$ 7,308.04
Wildland Fire	\$ 114,244.37

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

- b. Discussion/possible approval of transfer log:

DATE	AMOUNT		REASON
3/18/2026	\$1,630.30	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	PAYROLL/BILLS
3/25/2026	\$1,970.00	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	BILLS
4/1/2026	\$16,823.63	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	PAYROLL/STIPENDS/BILLS

Board Member, Nina Bour-Beau, 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 5.03 response time in Yarnell, 8.02 response time in Glen Ilah. 10 minutes response time going down Yarnell Hill.

Federal Government changed recordings on dispatch calls.

Chief Tunis met with Yarnell Water Board to see what YWIA needs.

Consortium working on adopting 2024 fire code, all filed with County and we have exeptions to the code because of remote area also filed with the County.

Rose Davis, a Peoples Valley resident asked if contractors have to meet the 2024 fire code, restricted to buildings. Chief Bryan Smith of Williamson Valley stated yes once the Fire Code is adopted and approved by the County.

- b. Equipment

419 air actuators, putting in new air liners, hopefully done by next week.

- c. Training Final accreditation for paramedic program: fully accredited

Training paramedics in house at Consortium.

- d. Miscellaneous Chief Bryan Smith was asked to make introductions of the fire personnel present:

Deputy Chief Anthony Turnis

FF Alan Hernandez hired 2020, working on EMT certification.

FF Shane Fiona, engineer, EMT

Thomas Basham, FF, EMT Training

Paramedics on staff 24/7

Board Chair, Arlon Rice articulated in the Fire District response to calls he received: kindness, and devotion to duty.

Stacy Pizzirusso, a resident: agreed, she received professional caring when she fell and broke her wrist.

Per Anthony Tunis, Deputy Chief Williamson Valley: we responded to assist with fire in Congress Fire and Congress personnel came up the hill to assist with our medical calls. We are all here for each other.

Stacy Pizzarusso, a resident, asked about messages that she was getting about 911 expired.

Chief Bryan Tunis, emergency notification is with Genesis.

Congress Fire District Board Chair, Brandi Bridges stated that you can go to

YavapaiReady.gov.

Chief Bryan Smith, Williamson Valley District responded with you can find the link at the Sheriff's website.

e. Call Volume

21 total calls last month

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Board Treasurer, Richard Mayer stated that budget has to be posted first before we present to the public.

6. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board member, Nina Bour-Beau motioned to go into Executive Meeting at 10:30 AM. Board member, John Sutherland seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

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7. RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair, Arlon Rice reconvened meeting: Regular public Session 11:25 am

Board member, John Sutherland motioned to accept Chief Shearer retirement letter with stipulation that all items belong to Yarnell Fire are returned to Fire Dept representative, Board Chair Arlon Rice.. After that, pension check will be drawn up and given to former Chief Shearer.

Board Treasurer, Richard Mayer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Audience applauded.

Board Chair Arlon Rice read Chief Shearer retirement letter out loud to the Public.

Former Chief Shearer was given the choice of resignation/retirement, or termination with proof. SOP – are Standard Operating Procedures 210.04. No alcohol on premises, allowed to remove personal items, all district items are to be handed over to Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Joyce Ritner, a resident question on the background check, reviewed by State Law, regulations so we are covered.

Stacy Pizzirusso, a resident asked if we know how many uniforms former Chief Shearer has.

Kim Kelso, asked about the letters that were written, if they will be kept.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am by Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau