

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES - DRAFT

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

Date: Monday, May 18 , 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Introduction: Tribute to Richard Mayer from Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

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; Nina Bour-Beau, Secretary; John Sutherland, Member-at-Large, Celeste Cook, Member at Large.

Others present: Fire Chief Anthony Tunis, Fire Chief, Chief Bryan Smith
11 guests per the sign in sheets,

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Review and possible approval of Minutes of Regular Session of April 20 2026.
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 Secretary, Nina M. Bour-Beau

General Fund	\$ 51,258.11
Capital:	\$ 113,803.15
Donations & Grants	\$ 4,083.15
Pension:	\$ 16,110.50
Shuttle:	\$ 5,076.09
Training:	\$ 7,328.59
Wildland Fire	\$ 114,584.95

Board Member, John Sutherland motioned to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Board member, Celeste Cook. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible approval of transfer log:

DATE	AMOUNT		REASON
4/22/2026	\$5,279.71	GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL RESERVE	TAXES
4/29/2026	\$1,104.70	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	PAYROLL/BILLS
5/6/2026	\$2,771.64	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	STIPENDS/BILLS
5/13/2026	\$6,147.17	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUNDS	PAYROLL/BILLS

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

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

- a. Administration

- b. Equipment

Annual hose testing was completed. New nozzles added to the engines.

New portable radios added and all radios were re-programmed. Main engine-all air leaks were fixed, new LED lights, DEP fluid fixed. Williamson Valley/Bagdad truck here as backup. Quick connect adapters added to the SCBA Cylinders.

New IPAD's in service– used for mobile dispatch and patient records, Pediatric EMS kit added to trucks. Drug box in Rescue 98 in service.

Community Blood Pressure Checks are ongoing and are every Tuesday at 11am at the Yarnell Community Center. There is a new light on the helipad, but the wiring underneath is an issue under the light, which will be worked on.

- c. Training

Paramedic program – final accreditation walk through, by Sept should have full accreditation of the program. Paramedic class finished last week.

EMT class – Granite Mountain training in Prescott, tailored for work people (online access)

Fire Academy in Bagdad starting in September.

d. Miscellaneous

Fire hydrant clearing, making sure this is adequate for the Water Department. Chief met with Yarnell Fire Wise committee members.

There is a possibility of purchasing a new heart monitor here, factory refer & trade in values. Garage door openers, the safety sensors were added, and new codes for Garage doors which are fixed and working.

Quote for kitchen cabinets is \$4,531.63, still looking at Habitat for Humanity which didn't currently have cabinets. We can use the cabinets that we have until we purchase new ones. Mold and leak damage in the old Crew Quarters, working with the insurance company for removal.

Several of our trucks went on the Hazen Fire in Buckeye. Emptied out Congress & Yarnell Fire helping at Jones Fire in Wickenburg. Chief Tunis was here in Yarnell and we did have backups. Wildland. New Wildland hand tools and adapters added. Wildland tools fixed and replaced on the truck.

Rescue 98 is back from the Hummingbird Fire in New Mexico in April.

State needs a flatbed to pick up the state vehicles that go back to the state.

e. Call Volume

There were 45 calls this month, 27 were EMS calls. Total Time: Yarnell response 6 minutes, Glen Ilah response 9 minutes. Working to improve the time response.

f. Grants Report

Grants are applied for and are still in consideration.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Re-appointing duties of current board members: re-assigning position to fill Richard's position as treasurer. The treasurer must have familiarity with budget. Board Secretary, Nina M. Bour-Beau, will help the new treasurer.
Board member, John Sutherland asked Board member, Celeste Cook, if she would be the treasurer, and then motioned that Celeste Cook fill the role as treasurer. Second by Nina M. Bour-Beau.
Celeste shared her background with the public: worked for the State, manager in restaurant industry, motor vehicle dept and game & Fish. Now wanting to do something in our community.
- B. Tentative budget was completed by Chief Bryan Smith and turned into the County. The county did inform Chief Smith that he was off on FDAT by \$500.00 which was corrected and turned in. Board Chair, Arlon Rice, stated that he would like to continue as chair if no one had any objections, which no one did.
Joyce Ritner, a resident, had no questions but she did offer good comments regarding the Yarnell Fire District and feels safe in relying on the Fire District. Chief Smith commented that the volunteers come in and help the full-time staff at the Station. Board Chair, Arlon Rice, motioned to approve the tentative budget. Second by Board Member, John Sutherland. The motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Policies and Procedures from the consortium provided in January. Board Secretary, Nina M. Bour-Beau, motioned to approve the Policies and Procedures. Second by Board Member, John Sutherland.

6. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

7. RECOVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION: N/A

8. CALL TO PUBLIC:

Rose Davis, a resident from Peeples Valley, was inquiring whether or not the past letters of those who were interested in Denise's position as board member are still valid for Richard's Board member replacement or do they have to re-apply?

Kimberly Rice: did the prior Chief turn in all his gear? Chief Smith suggested an inventory sheet of all items returned. Rose Davis, a resident from Peeples Valley, was inquiring whether or not the past letters of those who were interested in Denise's position are still valid for Richard's Board member replacement or do they have to re-apply?

Board Chair, Arlon Rice, stated that we are moving forward. Board member who will be filing in for Richard Mayer's term will be temporary until the November election. This temporary position will be decided at the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Next board meeting is June 15, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am by Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau