

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD MINUTES

September 15, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:

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

Guest: Tom Blessin

B: REPORTS and CORRESPONDENCE: none from chairman and sec'y.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

Richard motioned to approve the draft minutes of August 25, 2025, second by Arlon. Motion carried by all.

2) C: Treasurer's Report

General Fund: \$1,762.31 , \$845.67 Taxes
Capital: \$115,859.31
Donations & Grants: \$3,029.46
Pension: \$24,783.78
Shuttle: \$6,970.16
Training: \$26,635.24
Wildland Fire \$15,243.21

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

TRANSFER LOG

DATE	AMOUNT	SHUTTLE	REASON
8/27/2025	\$10,471.45	FROM WILDLAND FIRE TO GENERAL	BILLS & WILDLAND PAYROLL
9/3/2025	\$12,074.80	FROM WILDLAND FIRE TO GENERAL	PAYROLL WILDLAND &BILLS
9/10/2025	\$4,000.00	FROM WILDLAND FIRE TO GENERAL	PAYROLL WILDLAND
9/10/2025	\$8,409.72	FROM YARNELL TRAINING CENTER TO GENERAL	BILLS& STIPENDS
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Nina motioned to approve transfer log as reported. Second by Arlon. Motion carried by all.

D: Chiefs Report:

John is updating classroom and EMS room, and Medical Bags. Brittany and Chief are doing the same for training.

Chief is working with Shawn Bomar for EMS Training Class.

Tom Blessin was at Wildland for 42 days total. Elyse and Caden were also at Dragon Bravo Fire but not as long. Sharon Smith is back from Washington. Chief reports that everyone is back from Wildland Fires.

Training is continuing on Target Solutions.

FEMA, ADEQ still working on. Chief is all caught up on Wildland Billing and reports that the total expected for Wildland Billing will be \$200,000.

12 total class: 8 EMS, 1 MVA, , 1 Trail Rescue, 3 Welfare Checks

Guest Tom Blessin addressed the Board speaking on Wildland Fire: Dragon Bravo was a good opportunity to work with ground support and helicopter. We have a good tender, four wheel drive ambo, breakdown sidewinder got fixed. \$1300 to \$65. Tom did the repair work. Wickenburg Fire charged both break changes on back ball bearings. Elise and Cadon did well on the training for Wildland Fire. Shawn did very well in learning charting back side of the airport at Dragon Bravo fire (?)

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Bookkeeper salary evaluation – putting this off.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Annual Audit report & Invoice for short review. Richard motioned to approve audit and to pay invoice of \$6,500.00. John second. Motion approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 10:40 am.

The next regular session will be held on October 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau, YFD Secretary

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

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2. Roll Call of Board Members:

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Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:41 AM.

Pay per call is low, roster is down people and one of the reasons is pay. Raise the pay and we would get more people per call.

Board members request all employees certs and need to know if Chief is on duty in office, and if he goes on vacation he needs to let us know. Leave equipment at the Fire Station when on vacation.

Richard and Arlon are retiring in 2026, not running for board office.

Captain John Rice no interest in being Chief, we can get support from Congress and Wickenburg Fire.

Incidents of on call – just one person from Yarnell Fire going, no one else available – Arlon & another call where one person went, Chief was at the home but left so that one person attended the patient.

SOG's – all board members received the current copy from Arlon and need to read these.

Workshift, Vacation time, trackers on SUV & Hummer, daily worklog, write down issues that need to be addressed to Chief.

Next executive meeting Sept 25 2025 at 10:00 am.

Retirement system – need to investigate, bring comments, questions or answers.

John Sutherland meet with John Rice, go over SOG's, violation of Steps to takwe, volunteers left –

Minimal – need to pay more per all. Wickenburg Fire & Congress Fire will help us.

Per John Sutherland we do need a chief here.

Executive Session adjourned at 12:32 pm, Arlon made the motion and second by John. Motion carried by all.