

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

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

Date: Monday, August 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: In-person and via 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; Celeste Cook, Treasurer; Nina Bour-Beau, Secretary; John Sutherland, Member-at-Large, Kim Kelso, Member at large.

Others present: Deputy Chief Anthony Tunis, Fire Chief, Chief Bryan Smith
6guests per the sign in sheets, 1 on zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Board Treasurer, Celeste Cook motioned to approve the Short Meeting, July 2026. Second by Board Member, John Sutherland. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Board Member, John Sutherland motioned to approve the Regular Meeting, July 20, 2026. Second by Board Treasurer, Nina Bour-Beau. The motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Board Chair Arlon Rice made the motion to approve the Executive Minutes of July 20, 2026. Second by Board Member, John Sutherland. 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	\$ 2,317.87
Capital:	\$ 108,316.20
Donations & Grants	\$ 4,539.63
Pension:	\$ 16,168.00
Shuttle:	\$ 5,102.62
Training:	\$ 7,392.80
Wildland Fire	\$ 134,694.20

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

b. Discussion/possible approval of transfer log:

DATE	AMOUNT		REASON
7/22/2026	\$21,204.84	WILDLAND TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL/BILLS/REIMBEUSEMENT
7/22/2026	\$824.75	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUND	BILL
7/22/2026	\$3,500.00	CAPITAL RESERVE TO GENERAL FUND	BILL
8/5/2026	\$2,744.64	WILDLAND TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL/BILLS/REIMBEUSEMENT
8/12/2026	\$31,997.20	WILDLAND TO GENERAL FUND	PAYROLL/BILLS/REIMBEUSEMENT
8/14/2026	\$1,937.87	GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL RESERVE	TAXES

Board Member, John Sutherland, motioned to approve the transfer log. Second by Board Treasurer, Celeste Cook. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

TRANSCRIBED:

- a. Admin-Blood pressure checks still be done every Tuesday at the Community Center.
- b. Equipment-Ambulance back from Yuma and repaired, new hose in truck.
- c. Training- New Firefighter orientation ropes class & Con (Confined) Space training (small spaces). Specialized training for current employees in Congress Fire and Yarnell Fire.
New fire Hybrid class in Sept. Specialized items that the firefighters need to work after starting fire Academy, test for the Hybrid class before Christmas. Class is in Bagdad.
EMT class is finished, 2 firefighters from Yarnell completed.
- d. Miscellaneous-Team Rubicon will be back sometime this month (Firewise management)
Wildland paid up except for the last assignment
The old crew quarters, costs \$20,000 to destroy, Chief Smith has a rancher who will pay to move trailer. Rancher wants to buy the Crew Quarters for cabin.
Station: new kitchen for the crew. New cabinets for kitchen, butcher block, and table.
Chief Smith encourages all to check it out.
Ice machine – guys up to here to fix
Chief Smith thanked all for the Mina Fire review that was held last month.
Chief Smith also mentioned we have six full time employees and there are seven employees listed on our roster.
- e. Call volume-24 calls for service, assisted Congress with house fire
Response time: 5 minutes in Yarnell, 7 minutes in Glen Ilah. Working to improve the Glen Ilah response time.
- f. Grants reports-Federal Grant are requesting information, Congressional office does regional grants for water tenders, this grant is also a possibility for Yarnell Fire.

Rose Davis, a Peoples Valley resident, asked a question on how many people are in training in Bagdad from Yarnell. Chief Smith answered 3 people.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 2026-04: this is next to the properties we annexed last month. Property is on the East side and is all vacant land right now. This is tabled for next meeting as attachments to emails were never printed and Board Secretary, Nina Bour-Beau apologized. Board member, John Sutherland stated that we could have a special meeting for this next Monday. All board members okayed this. Board Secretary, Nina Bour-Beau motioned to table this for next meeting, second by Board Member, Kim Kelso. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b) Cost to re-seal the parking lots, fixing cracks and repainting stripes, at the Station and the Administration building is \$11,000. This will give us 5 more years of good lots before we have to re-pave. Board Treasurer, Celeste Cook motioned that we have the re-sealing done. Second by Board Member, John Sutherland. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c) Resignation letter from Board Secretary, Nina Bour-Beau effective when the house sells. Information only, no vote needed at this time. Table this for future.
- d) Bookkeeper/Office Administrator: never had an official description of this position, Board Secretary, Nina Bour-Beau prepared this rough draft and stated this was from her memory. Chief Smith will present a formal document and this is tabled for next months meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

7. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION None

8. CALL TO PUBLIC None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am by Board Chair, Arlon Rice.

Next board meeting is Sept. 21, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina M Bour-Beau