



# Buckeye Valley Fire District

**Melanie Hardy – Chairman, Gary Benson – Clerk,  
Daniel Richardson – Member, Paul Hunter – Member, John Heiden – Member  
Mark Burdick – Fire Chief**

*“Buckeye Valley Fire District is dedicated to safely serving with integrity, professionalism, compassion and innovation.”*

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Buckeye Valley Fire District (BVFD) Governing Board held a special meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 PM, the meeting was held at 6213 South Miller Road, Suite 112, Buckeye, AZ 85326.

1. CALL TO ORDER      6:11 pm

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Melanie Hardy – Chairman	<b>PRESENT</b>
Gary Benson – Clerk	<b>PRESENT</b>
Daniel Richardson – Member	<b>PRESENT (BY TELECONFERENCE)</b>
Paul Hunter – Member	<b>PRESENT</b>
John Heiden – Member	<b>PRESENT</b>

Gabe Buldra - James Vincent Group **SARA SIMONTON PRESENT ON BEHALF OF GABE BULDRA BY TELECONFERENCE**

Barry M. Aylstock – Faith, Ledyard & Faith, PLC **ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Burdick-Fire Chief, Joe Hester-Asst. Fire Chief, Don Wiley-Deputy Chief, C. DeChant-Asst. Fire Chief, B. Puckett-Division Chief, N. Ells-EMS Director, Brody Marshall-EMS Coordinator, J. Jessamine-Division Chief, Liz DeLara-Fire Board Secretary, Summer Villegas-FB Support, James Mallon-EMS Rep

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION **M. HARDY/P. HUNTER**

4. ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS

*\*As a result of the November 2022 General Election it is necessary to elect a Fire Board Chair.  
See Item 4 attachment for sample motion.*

**G. BENSON NOMINATED MELANIE HARDY; NO OTHER NOMINATIONS PRESENTED; HARDY ACCEPTED.**

- a. Motion by G. Benson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Hunter to accept and approve the nomination of Fire Board Chair for the Buckeye Valley Fire Governing Board. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC                      **NONE**

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment, will be limited to directing Staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

6. PRESENTATION:

- Fire Chief's Service Award:    **CHIEF BURDICK PRESENTED SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

15 Years of Service:

- Kevin Lindley 15 Years of Service    **PRESENT**

5 Years of Service:

- Mark Eckenrode 5 Years of Service    **ABSENT**
- James Mallon 5 Years of Service    **PRESENT**
- David Hernandez 5 Years of Service    **PRESENT**

7. FINANCE

- a. Motion by P. Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Heiden to approve the January 2023 Financial Statements. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**

8. MINUTES

- a. Motion by G. Benson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hardy to approve the Minutes of the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Special Fire Board Business Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion by P. Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Heiden to adopt Resolution2223-002 approving the revised JPA Document with Arizona Fire Medical Authority. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**
- b. Motion by P. Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Heiden to approve the Transition Planv2\_Clean. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**
- c. Motion by M. Hardy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Hunter to approve the MSA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Purchase not to exceed \$415,000 through bond proceeds. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**
- d. Motion by P. Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hardy to approve the purchase of three UCapIt Medication Distribution Machines and use BVFD bond funds not to exceed \$35,000. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**

- e. Discussion to discontinue, EMS Part-time program as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- f. Motion by P. Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Heiden to move Regular Fire Board Business Meetings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yay-0 Nay.**

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. BVD General Updates:  
Operations:
  - Suppression EMS **EMS COORDINATOR B. MARSHALL ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON CHANGES AT THE PRISON.**
  - Response Reposts **CHIEF J. HESTER PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE SEASONAL TRENDS AND PRAISED CREWS FOR THEIR RESPONSES ON RECENT CALLS.**
- b. AFMA Updates
  - SCFMD FY 23/24 Net Assessed Valuations **CHIEF BURDICK PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE FY 23/24 NAV REPORT FOR NORTH COUNTY, SOUTH COUNTY, AND BUCKEYE VALLEY.**
- c. L4371 Updates **MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> GOLF TOURNAMENT – MIRNA’S PLACE**

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST **NONE**

Comments, commendations, report on current events and presentations by Fire Board Chairman, Fire Board Members, Leadership Team, or members of the public. The Fire Board may not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02.

12. ADJOURN **8:13pm**