

Peeples Valley Fire District, PO Box 936, Yarnell, AZ 85362
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BUDGET HEARING and BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Location of Meeting Held: Historic Peeples Valley School
18205 S. Highway 89, Peeples Valley, AZ
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Neil Rifenbark called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Bill Whittington.
- 3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr was absent
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Session 05-20-2026.
 - **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the minutes from 05-20-2026.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Neil Rifenbark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- 5. CALL TO PUBLIC:**
Public in attendance: Shawn Bomar, Bill Whittington, Ben Archer, Ray Paiz, Kelley Paiz, Rose Davis
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. Consider recessing the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing to discuss the 2026-2027 Budget.
 - Neil Rifenbark opened the Public Hearing at 10:03 AM.
 - No further discussion, no public comments
 - b. Consider adjourning the Public Hearing and reconvening the Regular Session.
 - Public Hearing ended at 10:05 AM
- 7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Fire Chief's Report: see website
 - B. Duty Officers' Reports: see website
 - C. Fire Prevention and Safety Officer's Report: see website
 - D. Report from Weaver Mountains Firewise Committee Coordinators: see website
 - E. Correspondence received by the Board of Directors: information on your services, Flora Mae Park
 - F. Auxiliary Report: see website.
- 8. BUSINESS and ACTION**
 - A. Discussion/possible action to approve the May 2026 Financial Report presented by The James Vincent Group.
 - **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Report presented by the James Vincent Group.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**

- **Ayes:** Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- B. Discussion/possible action to approve June Warrant Requests.
- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve the June Warrant Requests.
 - **Seconded:** Phil Lobeck
 - **Ayes:** Neil Rifenbark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- C. Discussion/possible action to approve FY27 budget.
- **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve FY27 budget.
 - **Seconded:** Scott Mayer
 - **Ayes:** Neil Rifenbark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- D. Discussion/possible action: Intergovernmental Agreement with Yavapai County.
- **Neil Rifenbark** made a motion to authorize the Board Chair to communicate to the Board of Supervisors that the Peoples Valley Governing Board finds the Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") By and Between Yavapai County and the Peoples Valley Fire District acceptable, conditioned upon a modification of the documents to make it clear that the District's obligation to transfer the subject real property is conditioned upon the execution of a lease agreement satisfactory to both parties; further authorizing the Fire Chief to communicate with representatives of Yavapai County in conjunction with the same; and further authorizing legal counsel to communicate with the County Attorney's office relating to the needed modifications to the IGA to accommodate the above-reference conditions, and to negotiate the terms of the anticipated lease agreement. Further authorizing the Fire Chief to negotiate and complete missing terms in the form of IGA submitted for consideration, subject to the Board Chairman's approval.
 - **Seconded:** Wayne Keller
 - **Ayes:** Neil Rifenbark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0

9. DISCUSSION

1. Self-Termination of Employee ID 219 (June 3, 2026)
2. Status of the Weaver Mountains Regional Public Safety Facility
 - General discussion
3. Station 82 at Ruger Ranch
 - General discussion

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for the next regular meeting, workshops, and other meetings.
- B. Upcoming Meeting Date: Next Regular Session – Public Hearing and Next Regular

Session – July 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

11. ADJOURNMENT by Neil Rifenbark at 10:37 AM