

Peeples Valley Fire District, PO Box 936, Yarnell, AZ 85362
17275 W. Burning Bush Drive, Peeples Valley, AZ 86332
BUDGET WORKSHOP and BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Location of Meeting Held: Historic Peeples Valley School
18205 S. Highway 89, Peeples Valley, AZ
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Neil Rifembark called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was led by Ray Paiz.
- 3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Session 03-18-2026
 - **Wayne Keller** made a motion to approve the minutes from 03-18-2026.
 - Seconded: Gregg Carr
 - **Ayes: Neil Rifembark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
 - **Nays: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- 5. BUDGET WORKSHOP:**
 - Small increase in tax revenue
 - FY27 – three full shifts: duty officer with advanced medical skills (AEMTs & PEMTs)
 - Proposed tax rate: 3.75%
- 6. CALL TO PUBLIC:**

Public in attendance: Shawn Bomar, Lori Bomar, Sue Dickerson, Wendy Qualls, Ray Paiz, Kelley Paiz, Ben Archer, Rose Davis, Mark Peck
- 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 March 2026 Financial Report presented by The James Vincent Group.
 - **Neil Rifembark** made a motion to approve the March 2026 Financial Report presented by the James Vincent Group.
 - **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
 - **Ayes: Neil Rifembark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
 - **Nays: 0**

- **Abstain:** 0
- B. Discussion/possible action to approve April Warrant Requests.
 - **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the April Warrant Requests.
 - **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
 - **Ayes: Neil Rifenbark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
- C. Discussion/possible action to approve facility use agreement with Yarnell Elementary School District
 - **Gregg Carr** made a motion to approve the agreement with Yarnell Elementary School District.
 - **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
 - **Neil Rifenbark out of the room**
- D. Discussion/possible action to approve the Chief to appoint a committee to review district bylaws.
 - **Scott Mayer** made a motion to approve a workshop format to review district bylaws.
 - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
 - **Ayes: Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
 - **Nays:** 0
 - **Abstain:** 0
 - **Neil Rifenbark out of the room**

9. DISCUSSION

1. Employment of Employee ID 224 (March 31, 2026)
2. Status of the Weaver Mountains Regional Public Safety Facility
3. Station 82 at Ruger Ranch
 - \$64,500.00 in donations
 - Septic permit is active
 - Plans sent to the engineer
4. Legal representation in regard to the IGA with Yavapai County
 - A special meeting will be held.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for the next regular meeting, workshops, and other meetings. Budget hearing in June, auxiliary discussion, district bylaws workshop
- B. Upcoming Meeting Date: Next Regular Session – May 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

11. ADJOURNMENT by Neil Rifenbark at 11:32 AM