

*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 Rifenbark 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 Rifenbark, 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 Rifenbark, 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 Rifenbark** made a motion to approve the March 2026 Financial Report presented by the James Vincent Group.
    - **Seconded: Wayne Keller**
    - **Ayes: Neil Rifenbark, 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 Rifembark, 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 Rifembark 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 Rifembark 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 Rifembark at 11:32 AM