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**WEAVER MOUNTAINS REGIONAL FACILITY & PROPERTY  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

This Special Committee Meeting was held at the Historic Peeples Valley School  
18205 S. Highway 89, Peeples Valley, AZ Wednesday, May 10, 2024, at 12:30 PM

**Committee Member Attendees:** Chief Bomar, Ed Buscis, Lindon Gareis, Brian Lathrop, Karen Stafford (late). **Not in attendance:** Robert Brandon, Mark Peterson  
**Public:** Lori Bomar, Britteny Dwiggins, Sherri Gareis, Kelley Paiz, and Ray Paiz

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shawn Bomar.

**3. SPECIAL COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this Committee is to advise and support the Peeples Valley Fire Department Corporation and Auxiliary with the following steps involved in pursuing the current land transfer proposal and its future development. This committee will provide regular updates and action recommendations at scheduled Auxiliary meetings.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Land Proposal Update:**

- a. The donated land was officially transferred as of April 29, 2024!
- b. Work on the property will begin over the next several weeks, including installing the cattle guards and fencing.
  - i. We will need to secure our property address before construction permits can be issued.
- c. We continue to pursue funding sources and grant opportunities to assist with water, water treatment, fire suppression, drainage considerations, etc. However, nothing can move forward until the land is officially transferred.
- d. Brian Lathrop proposed organizing into a subcommittee structure to focus the group on four distinct areas of specialty as we move from the "Land Acquisition" phase to the "Land Development" phase of this project, and all agreed. These subcommittees will meet separately as the project develops and provide updates at future meetings. Subcommittee assignments were made/requested according to member interest and expertise as follows:

- **Building Infrastructure & Construction:** This subcommittee will focus on the project's construction and engineering needs, including the initial priorities of water, drainage, and power infrastructure and considerations for building construction. Members: Chief Bomar, Ed Buscis, Brian Lathrop, Mark Peterson, and Ron Rupert.

- **Building & Land Management:** This subcommittee will research and recommend overall building & land management structure options and identify additional resources, support, and advice in these matters. Members: Brian Lathrop, Lindon & Sherri Gareis, Karen Stafford
  - **Community & Public Relations:** This subcommittee will work on external communications about the project, including publicity, public notices, physical signage, etc. Members: Chief Bomar, Karen Stafford
  - **Funding & Grants:** This subcommittee will work closely with the Auxiliary's Funding & Grants Committee led by Ray Paiz to secure, manage, and track funding sources. Members: Chief Bomar and Karen Stafford
- e. The idea of rerouting the current road that runs through the property was briefly discussed again. This matter continues to be tabled for consideration and future discussion.

B. Recommendations for Next Steps: Work priorities as outlined below to include relevant subcommittee meetings take place to discuss/take action on the following:

- a. Ensuring the required work by Maughan Ranches is completed according to the land transfer agreement.
- b. Explore grant funding requirements and rules through the County for potential water and drainage infrastructure funds.
- c. Determine the level of interest and commitment with Yavapai Sheriff's Office for potential future/temporary colocation.
- d. Draft "Storyboard" for future project presentations.

C. Report to the Auxiliary on May 11, 2024, at 9 AM meeting at the Historic School location.

## 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Upcoming Meeting Date: Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at the Historic School.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM.