

*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, March 18, 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 Pat Martin.
- 3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD:** Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Session 02-18-2026
  - **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the minutes from 02-18-2026 with the following changes: update the header to reflect Wednesday instead of Tuesday, and move item #8c to the April agenda since it was not included on today's agenda.
  - Seconded: Gregg Carr
  - **Ayes: Neil Rifenbark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
  - **Nays: 0**
  - **Abstain: 0**
- 5. BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Dominic Filosa, representing JVG, presented the FY27 property assessment increase, which is estimated to rise from \$308,000 to \$329,000.
- 6. CALL TO PUBLIC:**

Public in attendance: Shawn Bomar, Lori Bomar, Sue Dickerson, Wendy Qualls, Pat Martin, John Hussen, Lew Theokas, Dany Schwartz, John Richuisa, Gerald Montgomery, Grey Stafford, Dennis Dowling, Kirk Goode
- 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: none
  - F. Auxiliary Report: see website.
- 8. BUSINESS and ACTION**
  - A. Discussion/possible action to approve the February 2026 Financial Report presented by The James Vincent Group.
    - **Scott Mayer** made a motion to approve the February 2026 Financial Report presented by the James Vincent Group.
    - **Seconded: Phil Lobeck**
    - **Ayes: Neil Rifenbark, Phil Lobeck, Wayne Keller, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**

- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

B. Discussion/possible action to approve March Warrant Requests.

- **Phil Lobeck** made a motion to approve the March Warrant Requests.
- **Seconded: Neil Rifenkark**
- **Ayes: Neil Rifenkark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

C. Discussion/possible action to approve district funds for the construction of Station 82.

- **Neil Rifenkark** made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 in district funds for the construction of Station 82.
- **Seconded: Scott Mayer**
- **Ayes: Neil Rifenkark, Wayne Keller, Phil Lobeck, Scott Mayer, Gregg Carr**
- **Nays:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

## 9. DISCUSSION

1. Termination of Employee ID 222 (March 12, 2026)
2. Employment of Employee ID 232 (February 18, 2026)
3. Status of the Weaver Mountains Regional Public Safety Facility – brief update
4. Station 82 at Ruger Ranch – basic design briefing and potential effects on the ISO rating
5. Peoples Valley website – brief update

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. New Business Agenda Item Requests for the next regular meeting, workshops, and other meetings. committee to review district bylaws
- B. Upcoming Meeting Date: Next Regular Session – April 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT by Neil Rifenkark at 11:14 AM