

GCIFD Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2021

The Gilbert County Island Fire District (GCIFD) governing board met in a properly posted open public meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. The meeting was held via teleconference due to COVID-19 concerns. The Arizona Attorney General has authorized teleconferencing for public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following agenda items were considered at the meeting:

- A. The meeting of the GCIFD board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Biggs.
- B. Chair Biggs led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
- C. Roll Call: Chair Biggs, Clerk Mejia and Members Beyerle and Cazden were in attendance.

Item 1: Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of March 10, 2020 (GCIFD #21-012):

Motion by Beyerle / 2nd Mejia: Approve the minutes of March 9, 2021 as presented; Passed 4-0.

Item 2: Report from Fire Chief regarding the provision of fire and EMS to GCIFD, including but not limited to the following items (GCIFD #21-n/a):

- a) Monthly response and service report: Fire Chief Jobusch presented the information from the March and April 2021 response reports (included in board packet). Chief Jobusch answered general questions from the board regarding information within the response reports.

Chief Jobusch stated that March and April had a typical call volume with mostly all EMS calls.

Discussion only – no action taken.

Item 3: Call to the Public: None.

Item 4: Consideration of district financial matters:

- a) Review of monthly financial reports: March and April 2021 (GCIFD #21-013):

The March and April reconciled finance reports from Maricopa County were presented and reviewed by Administrative Manager Vaughn, as were the monthly financial reports prepared by the district CPA (finance reports included in the board packet).

Motion by Mejia / 2nd by Beyerle: To approve the March and April financial reports as presented; Passed 4-0.

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b) Review of invoices / payables and authorization for payment (GCIFD #21-014):

The invoices were presented and there was a request for payment for the following (included in board packet for March and April) PolicyLogic, LLC (\$2,040.16); Angela Bertram, CPA (\$292.50) Town of Gilbert – 2nd half of contract services (\$382,400).

Motion by Cazden/ 2nd by Beyerle: To approve the invoices as presented for payment; Passed 4-0.

Item 5: Consideration of establishing a tentative revenue and expenditure budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 pursuant to A.R.S. §48-853; declaring such for publishing and public notice; and setting July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. local time for a public hearing prior to adoption (GCIFD #21-015).

Consultant discussed the proposed budget for FY 21/22, discussed the Town of Gilbert's fire district cost formula and answered general questions from the board regarding the budget. The contract cost with the Town of Gilbert went up from \$764.8 in FY20/21 to \$846.2 in FY 21/22. The increase is due to adding one battalion chief, three captains, two engineers and two firefighters to Gilbert's response staffing, overall personnel and operating costs have increased, outdated equipment is being replaced, the Town of Gilbert is operating out of their new training facility, and the town is expanding their ambulance service to provide all 9-1-1 ambulance transportation in Gilbert (which has a revenue offset that is included in the projections). The tax rate is proposed to be at 1.4508.

Motion by Beyerle/ 2nd by Mejia: Consideration of establishing a tentative revenue and expenditure budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 pursuant to A.R.S. §48-853; declaring such for publishing and public notice; and setting July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. local time for a public hearing prior to adoption; Passed 4-0.

Item 6: Consideration of items for the agenda of the Gilbert County Island Fire District's next regular scheduled meeting (July 14, 2020) and or a special meeting called by the governing board for the purpose of carrying out its powers and duties (GCIFD #21-016):

- Standard agenda items
- Budget Adoption

Item 7: Legislative update on any fire service bills that affect county islands. (GCIFD #21-017)

Both bills that are of interest to the county island were passed and signed by the

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Governor.

S1351se: FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS

S1659se: FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY

Item 8: Announcements:

At the last meeting, Mr. Beyerle inquired about the difference between general fund and the government funds listed on the annual audit. The fire district only has one fund, the general fund, so in this case both the general fund and the government fund are the same. There are other special districts that have multiple funds.

Item 9: Adjourn: Motion by Cazden / 2nd by Mejia: To adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.; Passed 4-0.

Minutes Approved GCIFD: July 13, 2021.

C. Biggs, Board Chair

C. Mejia, Board Clerk

R. Beyerle, Board Member

L. Cazden, Board Member