

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brofer called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Duane Brofer, Board Chairman
 Art Nash, Board Clerk
 James Barnett, Board Clerk
 Bess Banister, Board Member
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member (arrived at 7:12)

Board Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: William Miller, Fire Chief
 Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Nash led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Brofer gave the invocation at the previous budget meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brofer opened the call to the public at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Michael LaBrecque, a fire district resident and employee, spoke to the board regarding his contracted employment with the District. He asked that the board reconsider the recent termination of his contract. He mentioned two incidents, for which he was disciplined, both of which occurred in this recent contract year. The board thanked him for speaking.

Mr. Ross Holley, a fire district resident, spoke to the board on behalf of Michael LaBrecque. He expressed that he would place his life in Mike's hands and that his esteemed awards show that he is as dedicated today as he was twenty-five years ago.

There was no one else to appear before the board at this time.

Call to the public closed at 7:10 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller attended a special meeting June 2, 2014, at the Sunsites-Pearce Fire District, at the request of the Arizona Fire District Association and the Cochise County Election's Office. The community is looking at getting people to run for the board, which is currently being run by an administrator who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Miller and Sheriff Dannels emceed the Relay for Life fund raising event last month, and this upcoming weekend they will both be emceeding for Dancing like the Stars for the Real Wishes Foundation. Both events are for non-profit organizations that benefit our local community.

We are working on scheduling our Type 3 wildland engine for repairs. It has a couple of major hydraulic leaks in its pump. The work will have to be completed in Phoenix and as of right now, we have no idea on the cost of this work.

We have amended our state wildland contract as of today. Chief Miller signed off on our contract last month, but the state has adopted the federal hourly rates that just changed this month. The changes will reflect a slight hourly increase to several of our front line fire apparatus when deployed on wildland incidents.

Run summary reports were placed in each board members box. We had 739 responses for the month of May.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for May 2014

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of May 31, 2014, along with a copy of the report from the Cochise County Treasurer's Office and the bank reconciliation from the District's Cyma Accounting Software. The District has \$777,474.53 in available operating funds as of May 31

Mr. Nash made a motion that the board accept the monthly financial report and agree to the balances as presented. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of May 2014

There were no questions regarding the month's warrants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of May 21, 2014.

Mr. Nash made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 21, 2014 as written. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-2 Abstentions (Mr. Brofer and Mr. Barnett abstained due to absence at last meeting)

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller reported the following:

The AFDA board was working on the implementation of SB 1387 regarding training components to meet the intent of the law.

- 6-hours of training for Board members and Fire Chiefs
- Board sizes and formation
- Audits, revenues, and meeting requirements
- Governance, Administrations, and compliance

The board is looking at trying to do area training so that board members can have the training locally, rather than having to travel to conferences. More information will be forthcoming.

Election of officers for AFDA are as follows:

Vice President – Mary Dalton, Sun City West

Treasurer- Rick Southey, Bullhead City

Area 2 Director – Bill Miller, Fry

Area 4 Director – Paul Wilson, Sun Lakes

Area 6 Director – Katie Sayre, Green Valley

Area 8 Director – Rob Jarvis, Christopher Kohl's

The summer conference will be held on June 26-28 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, so please mark your calendars and let us know if you would like to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Executive session. Discussion of pending or contemplated litigation with the Copper Queen Hospital regarding patient transports. No action will be taken during the executive session.

Chief Miller told the board that there is no reason to adjourn to executive session as nothing has taken place.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review, discuss and possible action to adopt resolution 2014-004 adopting the Cochise Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Chief Miller gave each board member a copy of the protection plan prior to the meeting for their review. There was discussion pertaining to the plan and what it entails. The plan attempts brush mitigation on private property and serves as a tool for “protection” not “rebuilding”. Cochise County is one of the last counties in the state to pass a wildland protection plan.

Mr. Barnett made a motion for the board to approve Resolution 2014-004 adopting the Cochise Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

- B. Review, discuss and possible action to adopt resolution 2014-005 adopting 2014/2015 Budget and Salary schedule.

Maria presented two budgets for the board’s review. Each budget included the Reserve Firefighter positions becoming full time with benefits and the loss of one suppression position, due to the recent contract termination. One budget included a 1.5% increase for all personnel from the rank of Battalion Chief and below, and the other excluded the increase.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board accept resolution 2014-005 and approve the budget and salary schedule that include the 1.5% increase. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

C. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Fire Chief to accept and award a bid to replace septic tank and replace septic leach field at 4817 S. Apache Avenue fire station.

Chief Miller updated the board on the septic/leach field situation at station #365. As discussed in previous meetings, the septic system was built with the station and has not been modified with all of the additions completed on the station over the years. At this point, it has been recommended by three agencies that we replace our entire system. We would like the board to approve us to move forward with Davis Excavation to complete the work. We had Stambeck come out as well, but were not satisfied with the promptness in which they got back to us for the previous work we had them do.

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board approve Davis Excavation to complete a new septic system at station 365 in the amount of \$9315.22. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


There were no requests from the board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Banister.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE 2014.


Art Nash
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board