

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brofer called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Duane Brofer, Board Chairman
 Art Nash, Board Clerk
 James Barnett, Board Member
 Bess Banister, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Others in Attendance: William Miller, Fire Chief
 Linda Romero, Account Technician
 Aaron Estacio, Firefighter
 Dennis Ferrel, Firefighter
 Scott Price, Firefighter
 Robert McMurtrie, Member of the Public

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Nash led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Brofer gave the invocation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brofer opened the call to the public at 7:01 p.m.

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

Call to the public closed at 7:01 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

We have received a \$15,120.00 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for infant car seats. The car seats will be used for all of Cochise County.

We also received a grant from the State Forestry that will be ran through the fire district for fuels reduction in the Ramsey Canyon area in the amount of \$118,500.00. We'll have a soft match of \$6,000.00, which will be our time spent

providing all of the administrative functions. This grant will help treat approximately 30 private homeowners' properties totaling approximately 125 acres, along with some of the Ramsey Canyon Nature Conservancy property.

We've been working with the Cochise Water Wise and Oasis Rainwater Harvesting to see about obtaining a grant to install several water collection tanks for stations 365 and 366 that can be used to recycle rain water off the roof. The water is run through a filter system and then in turn that water can be used to wash our apparatus, water our plants and fill our tanks. This will be at no cost to the fire district and each site is worth approximately \$7,000.00.

In the board's boxes was a letter from the City of Sierra Vista on its intent to annex the remaining 61 properties in the Sulger sub-division off Carmichael Avenue. This action will impact our budget by approximately \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in tax revenue and mostly likely occur in 2015/2016. In addition to this decrease in revenue, there is concern regarding the rise in the employer contribution rate for PSPRS. We are currently at an employer rate of just over 31%; however, due to the loss PSPRS has taken in the market, there is potential to have that increase to 50% or more, which some fire districts in the state are already paying. This increase, along with the revenue loss from the annexation, causes great concern for the future and as such we should proceed cautiously with regards to filling our current personnel vacancies so as to avoid having to increase the levy rate to \$3.25 and possibly face personnel reductions later on.

We had another setback with the bay door here at station 365. It has been installed, but is currently not operational and is also the wrong material. Stan Greer is going to order another door that will be comparable to the old door that was damaged. (Stan Greer ordered the wrong door as a replacement originally).

We renewed one of our FCC radio licenses for our EMSCOM radios that we no longer use. Chief Miller thought it would be a good idea to renew just in case the state starts that system up again.

We had interviews today for ours and the city's open firefighter positions and we hope to have them hired by the end of November.

We had 732 responses for the month of September.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial report

Chief Miller explained to the board that since this meeting falls so early in the month, the county reports are not ready and asked that the board allow the

September 2014 financial report to be tabled and presented at the next board meeting.

Mr. Barnett made the motion to table the September 2014 financial report and have it presented at next month's board meeting. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
MOTION CARRIED

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

Mr. Barnett inquired as to who the vendor Elephant Head Volunteer Fire is and Chief Miller explained that it is the organization that hosted an S200 class in which we sent several personnel.

There were no further questions regarding the month's warrants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of September 17, 2014.

Mr. Nash made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 17, 2014, as written. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller explained that there is nothing to report this month as the meeting was canceled due to the lack of a quorum.

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 stated that he did not feel a need to enter into executive session. He reported to the board that one of the managing partners from the attorney's office in Phoenix will be coming to meet with him here tomorrow as Copper Queen's attorney is requesting more information. He explained that we have provided

them with everything they've asked for but it was given to the attorney handling our case who is no longer with the firm, so perhaps the information did not get passed on. He advised that he has everything ready again so it shouldn't be a problem. He also informed the board that Margaret Hepburn, the ex-CEO of Sierra Vista Regional Health Center has now been hit with a lawsuit from Copper Queen as well.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Review, discuss and possible action to award bid to Fire Facilities in the amount of \$35,768.00 to repair "burn room" panels. Funds if approved will come out of Capital.

Chief Miller explained to the board that we need to replace the panels as they have been damaged due to overheating. He also explained that the quote included the installation as well.

Ms. Banister made a motion for the board to award the bid to Fire Facilities in the amount of \$35,768.00 to repair "burn room" panels. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Executive session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03 (A)(3) to discuss personal matter.

- a. Review and discussion of Fire Chief's annual evaluation and contract.

Chief Miller explained that this issue did not need to be addressed as it was handled last month. He stated that he inadvertently left this on the agenda in copying the format from last month's agenda for this month. No further discussion on this item.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was discussion regarding Ebola protection for our staff and Chief Miller explained that we will be working closely with our base hospital on this issue. Mr. Brofer asked that this be put on the agenda for discussion next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Nash', written in a cursive style.

Art Nash
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board