

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 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
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Bess Banister, Board Member

Others in Attendance: William Miller, Fire Chief
 Linda Romero, Account Technician
 Robert McMurtrie, Newly elected board member

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

Chief Miller updated the board on burn room repairs that were approved at last month's meeting. The proposal did NOT include installation. Installation would be approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 more due to travel, hotels, meals, shipping of equipment and so on. We had two of our personnel meet with the representative with Fire Facilities and they went over the installation process with our guys. In fact, one of our guys had replaced a couple of panels several years ago with no issues, so after speaking with the representative he told us that it's a simple process of just breaking off the old panel and using a cutting wheel to cut

off the old screws. He also said that if we did the installation it will NOT void the warranty, because he'll come down to certify the installation once completed. The representative stated that over 90% of the other departments that have his training rooms replace the panels themselves with no issues. The new panels come with all new fasteners and mounting equipment.

Our metal bay door is in at Stan Greer's. We're hoping to finalize the schedule of the installation by the end of the month.

We have also renewed our Arizona Mutual Aid Contract with the State of Arizona and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs Office. This contract allows either party to request emergency assistance, along with reimbursement requests for our responses.

We had 769 responses for the month of October.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial report for September 2014.

Maria reminded the board that both September and October must be voted on at this meeting as she was out of town for the October meeting and the September report was not available prior to her departure.

Mr. Nash made the motion to accept the September 2014 financial report as presented. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
MOTION CARRIED

Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial report for October 2014

Mr. Nash made a motion to accept the October 2014 financial report as presented. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
MOTION CARRIED

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

Mr. Barnett inquired as to whom the vendor Killer Bee Honey is and Chief Miller explained that it is the company got rid of a bee hive that was found in station 365.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of October 15, 2014.

Mr. Gil made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 15, 2014, as written. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

The Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) released the new pension funding figures:

- Employers average contribution rate: 41.37%, our is at 31.45% but will increase to 39.9% for budget year 2015-16 part of this was due to the repeal of certain aspects of SB1609, there might be a little wiggle room because PSPRS is talking about a phase in period.
- Funding ratio (the percentage the pension system is funded relative to its current and future obligations): 52.5% in 2013, is now at 42.7% for 2014. (a funding ratio of 70% or greater indicates the pension is fiscally sound)

Fire Service Impact: Anticipate any number of PSPRS reform measures (none of which will be favorable to the fire service) to be introduced at the Legislature in January 2015, especially with the system's funding ratio now below 50%.

We know of two other bills that will be introduced this session; one regarding SB1387 that will address tech questions and administrative clarification. The other bill will once again be on ambulance CON statutory and regulatory issues.

Representative David Gowan will now be the Speaker of the House and Senator Gail Griffin will now be the Majority Whip in the Senate. Both positions are very powerful positions and can block bills, assign bills or hold bills. The AFDA board and our lobbyists want me to plan a dinner night in Phoenix to help move some of our agenda items forward which are:

- Elimination of the \$3.25 cap (justification Prop 117, plus 8% cap increase).
- Look at home rule legislation (local control of tax rates)

- Pension reform

Annual AFDA conference will be January 15-17 in Laughlin. As a reminder, all newly or re-elected board members must complete six hours of training within 12 months in order to meet SB1387. Please get in touch with Maria or Linda so we can make reservations.

- B. Discussion and review of Ebola training and equipment needed-requested by Mr. Brofer.

Chief Miller told the board that all of our staff members have been trained in how to treat a person suspected to be infected with Ebola and showed them the equipment packets that were put into place.

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 there is nothing new to report.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Vote to officially canvass the November 4, 2014 Fire Board Elections A.R.S. §16-642.

Chief Miller explained to the board that we need to officially canvass the election and accept the election results. Mr. Nash explained that he will not accept the election as there were discrepancies as to who got the correct ballots and whether or not all District taxpayers were given a right to vote.

Mr. Gil made a motion for the board to canvass the election held November 4, 2014. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-1

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Vote to adopt Resolution 2014-006, Canvassing the November 4, 2014 Fire Board Elections.

Chief Miller informed the board that we must now sign a resolution to accept the canvass of election to send in to the Cochise County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept and sign Resolution 2014-006. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-1

MOTION CARRIED

C. Newly elected board members take the Oath of Office. (Note: Newly elected board members officially take office on December 1, 2014).

Maria administered the oath of office to each of the three newly elected board members. Each member recited the oath and signed, and Maria notarized and placed in file.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Miller presented Mr. Brofer a plaque on behalf of the fire district for his service on the board. Mr. Brofer expressed his gratitude and stated that he was very pleased to be part of such an outstanding organization with terrific employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Nash.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014.



Art Nash

Board Clerk

Fry Fire District Board