

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: James Barnett, Acting Board Chairman
 Bess Banister, Acting Board Clerk
 Robert McMurtrie, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Arthur Nash, Board Clerk
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Barnett led the pledge of allegiance and Ms. Banister delivered the invocation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Barnett 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 7:02 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller reported that we had a turbo charger go out on Engine 365 and the cost was just under \$3,500. We then had a starter and a broken leaf spring on Engine 361, so we took it to Tucson and we just picked it up today.

We are also sad to report that we had one of our firefighters suffer a mild heart attack. We are hopeful that he will be returning to work next month, but are uncertain at this time. We wish him a smooth recovery.

Chief Miller attended the Sierra Vista Spotlight breakfast to listen to the future economic strategy for the City of Sierra Vista and learn about the City's priorities and accomplishments this past year. The city thanked us for our cooperation in providing outstanding services to both the city and district citizens, and expressed that it shows how us working together is very extraordinary and uncommon, which also reflects the city's new logo "Extraordinary Skies Uncommon Ground".

We sent an engine out to northern California on August 3rd for the Mad River Complex wildland fire.

We are now part the Fire Strong Organization, which will allow our employees to seek help whether it be with addictions, pain relief, suicide thoughts or spirituality. <http://firestrong.org>

We had 747 responses for the month of July.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for July 2015.

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of July 31, 2015, 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 \$327,806.91 in available operating funds as of July 31, and we have not had to pull money from the credit line thus far.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion that the board agree with balances and accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0

Motion Carried

B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of July 2015.

Mr. McMurtrie asked what the Sierra Vista Glass and Glass Technology purchases were. Maria explained that Sierra Vista Glass was a temporary fix for the driver's side window on Engine 361 and Glass Technology was for a chip in the Battalion Chiefs' vehicle.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of July 15, 2015.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2015. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 2-1 abstention as Mr. Barnett was absent from the last meeting
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Legislative planning agenda

- PSPRS reform
- Property tax Limitations (tax rate cap adjustment tied to inflationary index)
- Prop 117 impacts and potential fixes
- TPT (taxes on purchases)
- Fire District Study Committee

The AFDA Board has agreed to co-locate the 2016 Summer Conference with the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) Southwest Leadership Conference. The joint conference will be held July 11-16, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Glendale Arizona.

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 the attorney informed us that the second mediation will likely be scheduled for the end of August, beginning of September.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Possible appointments of Maria Gordon and Michael Hemesath to the local PSPRS (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System) Board.

Chief Miller explained that we need to reappoint positions to the board. The board appoints the two members from the public and Maria and Michael are currently on the board and we would like to see if the board is willing to reappoint them. Mr. McMurtrie stated he was fine with the appointments, but would like to know more about the PSPRS board's duties. Maria offered to email each of the board members a PowerPoint presentation that outlines those duties.

Mr. McMurtie made a motion that the board appoints Maria Gordon and Michael Hemesath to the District's local PSPRS board. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

B. Discussion and possible action on the Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) Feasibility Study.

Chief Miller stated that the board and council had their joint session last month, and per Mr. McMurtie's request, it was placed on the agenda. Chief Miller handed out an executive summary on the study, which listed the recommendations made by ESCI, items not listed in the report, and inaccurate projections regarding the District's assessed valuation growth and levy rate changes.

The board had discussions on the information presented, and what recommendations are beneficial, those that have been completed and those that we are currently working on. The board also discussed the possibility of a joint 3 and 5-year strategic plan for the fire departments, cost-sharing of large purchases, cost-savings, personnel sharing, etc.

If any amendments are made to the current intergovernmental agreement between Fry Fire District and City of Sierra Vista, they will be presented to the board for approval.

There was no action to be taken at this time.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. McMurtie asked that an agenda item be added to next month's agenda regarding a salary comparison between the District and Sierra Vista's new pay scale. Mr. McMurtie also asked if we could put the PSPRS board duties on October's agenda for discussion. Maria will send the PowerPoint to the board members and we will add the item to October if the board would still like to do so at next month's meeting.

Mr. Barnett informed the board that he will be gone for the September meeting, but may Skype in if able to do so.

Mr. McMurtie also mentioned that he knows that there are HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) rules that apply for medical situations; however, when possible, he asks that the board be given updates on personnel so that the board may also show support. Chief Miller said he will absolutely do so.

There were no additional questions/comments/requests from the board for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Banister made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. McMurtrie.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bess Banister". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Bess Banister
Acting Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board