

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Arthur Nash, Board Chairman
 James Barnett, Board Clerk
 Bess Banister, Board Member
 Robert McMurtrie, Board Member
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member

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. Gil delivered the invocation.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nash 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 informed the board that the annual awards banquet will be March 19, 2016 at the Manda Le.

We're going to be working with the Palominas Fire District on a new program where we will utilize Per Diem Firefighters. We will be able to pull off duty full-time Firefighters and Reserves from each agency to backfill for overtime and other types of leave. We are holding off on hiring for full time positions that were mentioned last month, as we are currently waiting for our new assessed valuations to come in, approximately in February. We don't want to bring people on and risk

having to lay them off if our values drop significantly. We're hoping to expand this program to other agencies throughout the county. We'll be saving money on overtime costs, benefits, initial training and personnel protective gear by sharing resources. This program also allows us to work with members of other departments that ultimately may apply for openings within the District, affording us to opportunity to evaluate them prior to hiring.

Engine 361 was sent to Phoenix for upper & lower ball joints, control arm and new Vehicle Interface Module (computer); the cost is expected to be just around \$10,000 and will be ready at the end on the month.

Mr. Nash received a phone call from Mr. Jones, a retired member of the District, regarding his father's funeral. BC Seamans took care of the arrangements for the services and we had representation in attendance on behalf of the District.

We had 792 responses for the month of November.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of November 30, 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 had \$938,039.11 in available operating funds as of November 30.

Ms. Banister made a motion that the board agrees to the balances presented for the month of November 2015. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
Motion Carried

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

Mr. Barnett asked what the checks to Applied Rite Doors and RWC International were for. Applied Rite Doors is for a new motor for the tender bay door at station 365 and RWC International was for engine 365 repairs.

Mr. McMurtrie asked what the checks for Cindy Elbert Insurance Services, Fire Etc., and Wicked Limitz were for. Cindy Elbert Insurance Services is our vehicle, building and liability insurance, which is paid quarterly, Fire Etc., is clothing for our personnel, and Wicked Limitz is also clothing/uniforms (shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.) for personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of November 18, 2015.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2015, as presented. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-1 abstention (Mr. Barnett was absent from the November meeting)
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller attended the second hearing on HB 2162 on November 24th. The committee will have a recommendation by December 15, 2015 for both the Senate and House. There is nothing new to report, and the AFDA board currently doesn't think the committee is going to act or make any type of real recommendation this year.

The next AFDA conference will be held January 15 and 16, 2016, in Laughlin. If you're planning on attending please get with Maria or Linda in the office.

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 a mediation scheduled for tomorrow (December 17th) and he will update the board after it is held.

ACTION ITEM

There were no action items at this time.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

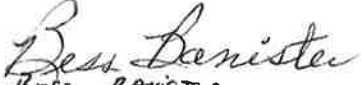
There were no questions/comments/requests from the board for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Gil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2015.


BESS BANISTER
~~James Barnett~~
Board Clerk, *ACTING*
Fry Fire District Board