

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2016**

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
 Bess Banister, Acting Board Clerk
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Board Members Absent: James Barnett, Board Clerk
 Robert McMurtrie, Board Member

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.

*Note: Business agenda, item A, badge presentation, was moved and done immediately after the call to the public closed.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Miller informed the board that we were awarded an Arizona Department of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$4,724. This grant will allow us to purchase and maintain some of our Hazardous Materials equipment.

We received a wildland reimbursement of \$154,160.19 for the Mad River Complex Fires in California.

Chief Miller placed a notice of completion from the Arizona Fire District Association to the Board of Supervisors in each board member's box. The letter from AFDA shows attendance and compliance to SB1387.

We have accepted the resignation of Firefighter John Clark. John's last day was January 9th. He has accepted a position with the Lake Havasu City Fire Department and we wish him the best of luck.

We had 728 responses for the month of December. The total call load for 2015 was 9215 calls, which is an increase of 9.3%.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of December 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 had \$1,016,591.61 in available operating funds as of December 31.

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

VOTE: 3-0
Motion Carried

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

There were no questions regarding the warrants; however, Mr. Nash did want to point out the amount that was sent to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) in the month of December (\$102,052.73). While these amounts are within our new normal, he just hopes we get some relief soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of December 16, 2015.

Ms. Banister made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2015, as presented. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0
Motion Carried

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Presentation of captain badge to Danny Furnia

Chief Miller told the board and audience that promotions to the captain position don't happen too often and he is proud to present a new badge to Captain Danny Furnia. Congratulations Danny!

B. Arizona Fire District Association Report

Chief Miller reported that the annual conference last week had 101 fire districts in attendance with over 425 members.

The Legislative Session started on January 11th with over 658 bills introduced and over 1100 bills are expected by the end of the month.

The two major items that we trying to get through the session this year is our \$3.25 tax cap rate and PSPRS reform. We found out on January 16th that we might see a proposition on PSPRS reform that will include a four tier system and also fixes to the permanent retirement benefit. That will also run with Proposition 123 on May 17, 2016. We are hopeful that we will get support from voters.

The Arizona Ambulance Association is also introducing a bill that will change the reimbursement rates from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) for "super rural areas".

OLD BUSINESS

A. 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 trial now scheduled. A copy of the Notice of Trial was placed in each member's box. The two parties could not reach a settlement at the last mediation. Chief Miller stated the dated were July 19-22, 2016.

*Note: trial dates are July 12-22, 2016.

ACTION ITEM

A. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the audit report for 2014-2015 presented by Mark Heidenreich with Heidenreich & Heidenreich, CPAs, PLLC

Mr. Heidenreich teleconferenced in with the board and audience to present his findings during the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. He explained that the District is modified-cash basis, as opposed to accrual, but that there is not any issue with it from his perspective. The District does not have to state the outstanding PSPRS liability on our financials as a result of not being on accrual basis. Mr. Heidenreich went over some specific pages in the financials. Mr. Heidenreich stated that he did come across an error on a payroll where two employees overtime was inadvertently switched, but stated that it's not material and is simply an area we could look to improve upon, but no major issues were encountered in the course of the audit. This error has since been rectified.

Mr. Heidenreich stated that there were no issues. He stated that the District has met all standards and that there were no issues encountered, and all of the District's financials looked to be in good order and clearly stated.

Ms. Banister made a motion that the board approves the audit as presented by Heidenreich & Heidenreich CPAs. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0
Motion Carried

B. Review, discuss and possible action to approve lease agreement with the Pueblo Del Sol Homeowners Association (PDSHOA) regarding office on district property.

Chief Miller explained that the contract is completely unchanged from the last one, with the exception of the amended dates. The PDSHOA pays the District an annual payment of \$250 for the property the shed is located on and \$300 annually for electricity.

Mr. Gil made a motion that the board renews the contract with the Pueblo Del Sol Homeowners Association. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0
Motion Carried

*This agenda item was conducted prior to item A, presentation from Heidenreich & Heidenreich, CPAs.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Miller did mention that the PSPRS lawsuit regarding reimbursement to members for the increased contribution rate, 7.65% to 11.65% incrementally over the course of the last few years, would possibly be on the employers to refund.

He's not certain how it will all turn out, but wants to board to be aware of the possibility.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gil made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Banister.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bess Banister".

Bess Banister
Acting Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board