

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
June 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nash called the Special Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Arthur Nash, Board Chairman
 James Barnett, Board Clerk via Skype
 Bess Banister, Board Clerk
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member
 Robert McMurtrie, 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 5:01 p.m.

Billy Seamans, both a resident and employee of the District, stated that the taxpayers and organization members are counting on the board to do the right thing for today and the future.

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

Call to the public closed at 5:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action to appoint an acting fire chief or enter into an agreement for temporary management services for the fire chief position or contract out services for the fire chief position.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:25 p.m. to discuss the fire chief options and the Copper Queen litigation. Mr. Gil seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

Motion Carried

This agenda item was addressed after the budget presentation. Executive session included the board members and Chief Miller.

Regular session resumed at 6:14 p.m.

Chief Miller explained the options that were given to the board:

- Contract with Steve Abel out of Oregon and name an acting assistant chief to bridge the gap between Chief Miller's retirement date and Chief Abel's arrival date of September 15th. Chief Miller will continue on in a consulting role to the acting assistant chief. The contract will be for up to one year.
- Assign a Battalion Chief as an interim fire chief.
- Contract with Palominas Fire District.
- Appoint and acting position and have Chief Miller serve as a consultant.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion that the board chooses option #1, contract with Steve Abel and have Chief Miller appoint an acting assistant chief who will work with Chief Miller until Chief Abel's arrival date. Ms. Banister seconded the motion. The board feels this is a very viable option and that with Chief Abel's familiarity with Palominas Fire District, he and Chief Matthews can work together regarding the possibility of a merger. The board is 100% on board for a merger and is in favor of having both agencies represented in discussions.

VOTE: 5-0

Motion Carried

B. Discussion on budget for fiscal year 2016/2017. No formal vote will be taken. Adopting of the 2016/2017 budget will take place on June 15, 2016.

This item was discussed prior to the board adjourning to executive session for the other two action items.

Maria presented the board with three budgets. One budget had no increase to wages, one had a 5% increase for all non-topped out employees and one budget had the 5% plus a 1% adjustment to the pay scale. Each of the three budgets included an increase to the health insurance. It was explained that we don't have our quote for our vehicle, facilities and liability insurance yet, and that we will likely see a substantial increase, but we don't have any idea what it might be. The

board will get any requests to Maria as soon as possible as the budget approval is set for next week's meeting (June 15th).

- C. Discussion and possible action to allow Chief Miller and the district attorney to enter into a settlement/negotiations agreement with the Copper Queen Hospital.

This agenda item was discussed in executive session, along with agenda item A.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion that the board gives Chief Miller the flexibility to deal with the Copper Queen settlement and negotiations. Ms. Banister seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gil made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. McMurtrie.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE 2016.



~~James Barnett~~
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board

*MS. BANISTER FOR
MR. BARNETT:*