

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 2016**

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: Robert McMurtrie, Board Chairman
 James Barnett, Board Clerk
 Gilbert Gil, Board Member
 Tom Tucker, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Joseph Huish, Board Member

Command Staff in Attendance: Randy Redmond, Fire Chief
 Donnie Gordon, Battalion Chief
 Billy Seamans, Battalion Chief
 Mark Savage, Battalion Chief
 Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mr. Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Gil 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 7:01 p.m.

COMMAND STAFF'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Chief Redmond reported on the following:

The District's PSPRS rate will increase from 38.9% to 49.89% next fiscal year. This increase equates to approximately \$275,000 and at this time we are planning to keep the three firefighter positions frozen, as this should offset the increase to retirement.

We are still working on a possible cell tower agreement; however, the proposed placement of the tower on the Thorneydale site will not work for us so we will not bring anything to the board unless we feel it is something that will be worthwhile to the District.

We will begin advertising for the fire chief position shortly after the new year. We will run it for approximately 60 days.

Palominas Fire District has removed the CON (certificate of necessity) challenge from their agenda. They would like to see us start working more closely again in the future. We also heard from Whetstone Fire District that they would like to look at the possibility of working together and possible look at a consolidation in the future.

Chief Gordon reported on the following:

We are currently putting the final touches on our 2016 training logs.

The burn room inspection is complete and we passed. Once the certificate of compliance is set, we will start our 15 year warranty.

We completed the LPG burns for all three shifts. We would again like to thank Mr. Mauzy and AmeriGas for the very generous donation of 600 gallons of propane to conduct our training.

We also just finished an RSI refresher with AirEvac, who brought instructors in, free of charge. The shifts provided lunch for the three days and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Chief Seamans reported on the following:

The total call load for 2016 has decreased since last year. We are still working on the Priority 1 and Priority 2 data and will know a more accurate breakdown soon.

We are looking at the potential of selling our 1989 FMC as it is an open cab, but the negative effect is not having a back-up engine if we staff the engine at station 361, so nothing has been solidified at this time. We will also be looking to rechassis another medic in the near future. Chief Seamans and James will be flying back on January 9th to look over the one that is currently being rechassied.

Our ISO rating remained unchanged. We will have the details soon.

Chief Savage reported on the following:

He and Chief McKearney met with Golder Ranch Fire District and the treat and refer program seems like a viable option for the District. We are working on a software bridge and are hoping to have it completed within the next few weeks, which would allow us to be a Premier Agency with Arizona Department of Health Services.

Our brush truck has returned from the fires in North Carolina and Tennessee. Captain Popp, Engineer Short and Firefighter Enriquez were gone just over 3 weeks.

Grants update: We are closing out the 2015 Fuel Reduction Grant for 45 acres of clean-up in Ramsey Canyon, and will be starting the one for 2016, in conjunction with Palominas Fire District.

Action item A: Administer oath of office to new board members. This agenda item was completed prior to the financial report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for November 2016.

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of November 30, 2016, 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's Maintenance and Operations balance was \$1,116,432.65; Capital Reserve Fund is \$1,369,089.03; Volunteer Pension Fund ended with \$8,644 and the Leave Reserve Fund ended with \$505,908.07.

Mr. Gil made a motion that the board agrees to the balances presented for the month of November 2016. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
Motion Carried

B. Review and discussion for the warrants issued for the month of November 2016.

There were no questions regarding the warrants for November 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular board minutes of November 16, 2016

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 16, 2016, as presented. As Mr. McMurtrie was the only member of the current board that was in attendance at last month's meeting, and the others abstained, the motion carried with just his vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Token of Appreciation Presentation

Both Mr. Nash and Ms. Banister were given clock plaques in appreciation of their time and dedication to the District and its citizens prior to the start of the meeting. Each of them thanked the District and wished us the very best.

B. AFDA Report

Chief Redmond updated the board on the following:

The overrides for the districts have all been shot down at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

ACTION ITEM

A. Administer oath of office to new board members.

This agenda item was done prior to the financial report, so that Mr. Tucker may vote on action items.

B. Election of new board chairman.

The election of the board chairman was done by secret ballot. Maria tallied the votes and Mr. McMurtrie is the new board chairman.

C. Election of new board clerk.

The election of the board clerk was done by secret ballot. Maria tallied the votes and Mr. Barnett will remain the board clerk.

D. Discussion and possible action on sale of surplus apparatus.

Chief Redmond asked that the board consider tabling this agenda item until we've had more time to review our vehicle replacement plan, etc.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to table the agenda item. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0
MOTION CARRIED

E. Discussion and possible action on pay adjustments and personnel items.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. Adjourned to executive session at 7:48 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:25 p.m.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBERS


The board and Chief Redmond discussed a retreat in the future. A date will be decided on as soon as possible. Mr. Barnett will be out of the country for next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gil made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. McMurtrie.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF DECEMBER 2016.


Gilbert Gil
James Barnett
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board