

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Huish called the Regular Meeting of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in Attendance: Joseph Huish, Board Chairman
Eric Andersen, Board Clerk
Thomas Tucker, Board Member (electronically)

Board Members Absent: Robert McMurtrie, Board Member
Norman Sturm, Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Mark Savage, Fire Chief
Diana Jones, Billing Supervisor
Ben Archer Clowes, JVG
Steven Rodriguez, JVG
Daniel Furnia, Captain

Guests in Attendance: Michael LaVallee, Stifel (electronically)
James Giel, Gust Rosenfeld (electronically)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mr. Huish led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Andersen gave the invocation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Huish reminded board members that they shall declare any conflict of interest. No board member declared a conflict at this time.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Huish opened the call to the public at 6:00 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Call to the public closed at 6:01 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on February 22, 2022.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 22, 2022. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session Board Meeting on February 22, 2022.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve the Executive Session Board Meeting minutes of February 22, 2022. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

b. Review of monthly response data provided in packet (no action required).

No action taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-001 authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the District.

Board members were provided a presentation from Stifel. Mr. LaVallee gave a summary of the information regarding the second bond sale. A discussion followed. Board members were pleased to see that the projected tax impact remained well below the estimate provided in the original voter information packet. Mr. Andersen asked what the potential interest rate will run. Mr. LaVallee hopes it will be less than 4%.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-001 authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the District. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial report for February 2022.

Steven Rodriguez from James Vincent Group (JVG) gave a PowerPoint presentation reflecting the financial reports for February 2022. A discussion followed. The board reviewed the warrants for the month and there were no questions.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to accept the February 2022 financial reports. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.
Motion Carried.

COMMAND STAFF'S REPORT

Chief Savage stated we are continuing to work on hiring to fill vacant positions, especially considering the pending Huachuca City agreement which supports four additional full-time employees. We are interviewing three additional full-time applicants and three part-time applicants tomorrow.

The new Type 1 Engine will be placed in service as soon as the final tool mounts are received and installed. Mr. Ayers is continuing to work to diagnose the issues with the transmission on E365 and will be replacing an injector on E361 in the next day or two. The rest of our apparatus are up and running. We are continuing to install emergency lights and radios on our Support and Battalion Chief trucks.

CORE has been working through some weather delays with the roofer during the remodel of Station 365. This month they were able to install the wiring and support structures for Fire Station Alerting and are making quick progress with the rest of the electrical wiring and ductwork prior to interior drywall sheeting. We anticipate the rest of the project will come together relatively quickly over the next few weeks. The update received this morning should still see us moving in sometime in early April.

Canyon Vista Medical Center (CVMC) is continuing to wrestle with cath lab coverage and asking that we continue to divert STEMI patients to Tucson.

Grants – Chief Savage completed a site visit with DFFM yesterday and they continue to be pleased with our progress. We are continuing to struggle to find and hire our own fuel reduction personnel. DFFM anticipates deploying their new Fuel-Reduction crews in April which should help us make progress during fire season. The Douglas crew has continued to make great progress in Ramsey Canyon.

We received notice from Senator Kelly's Office that our request for approximately \$100k in federal appropriations to support the purchase of new cardiac monitors was approved; it is an action item on tonight's agenda. We are currently working with Senator Kelly's Office to get press releases out and record a brief video sharing our appreciation.

Chiefs Seamans and Chief Meeker received support from the SEACOM Operations Committee for the county-wide Fire Station Alerting project. It was approved by the JPA at our meeting last week and will be forwarded to the Cochise County Board of Supervisors again in early April for funding approval. Chief Savage shared how much he appreciates Chief Seaman's time and efforts serving as the Operations Committee Chair for the past year continuing to move SEACOM Operations forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Review, discussion and possible action regarding District Staffing and Deployment and amending the FY2022 Pay Scale to include EMS only positions.

At Mr. Sturm's request, documents related to the district staffing and redeployment proposal were provided to the Board. The first was an organizational chart that reflected moving the Battalion Chiefs off-line into support roles. The second was a cost comparison that reflected anticipated personnel expenses.

Assuming the responsibility for emergency services in the Town of Huachuca City provides additional support for these changes.

Also provided was an amended pay scale for review this evening. The pay-scale provided includes the addition of full-time EMS positions that would allow us to hire full-time Paramedics to staff M365, keeping our cross-trained firefighters on fire engines and available for fire calls. A discussion followed.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to accept the amended FY2022 Pay Scale to include EMS-Only positions. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

b. Review, discussion and possible action regarding T-Mobile site leases.

T-Mobile requested some additional space at Station 361 for a backup generator. They have also asked for space at the Thorneydale site and have agreed to redesign the concrete foundation to provide additional containment for fuel and increased the rent to \$315.00 per site per month.

No action taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

b. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Huachuca City IGA for peak hours coverage.

Chief Savage stated the Town of Huachuca City selected the peak-hours option we developed, and we have been working diligently to prepare for the transition. Peak-hours coverage includes staffing for 14 hours a day, with off-peak responses coming from Station 361. The contract is for three years at 385,000.00 per year. Mr. Andersen asked about facilities and equipment. A discussion followed.

Mr. Matura has our draft contract for review. A special meeting will be held for Board review and approval prior to April 1, 2022.

No action taken on this item.

c. Review, discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of new cardiac monitors.

Board members were provided quotes from Zoll and Philips for new cardiac monitors. Chief Savage stated Captain Daniel Furnia reviewed the available replacement options and put them through a rigorous evaluation, including field-demos on our units. Staff unanimously preferred the Philips Tempus Pro. Captain Furnia discussed the difference between the monitors, the proposals, and the benefits of the Philips cardiac monitors. A discussion followed.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve the purchase of the Philips cardiac monitors, not to exceed \$270,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Tucker.

Vote: 3-0
Motion Carried.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no requests from the Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Andersen made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Tucker.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2022.

Eric Andersen, Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board