

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 17, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McMurtrie 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  
   Joseph Huish, Board Member  
   Tom Tucker, Board Member (via telephone)

Board Members Absent:                Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Command Staff in Attendance:      Mark Savage, Fire Chief  
   Donnie Gordon, Battalion Chief  
   John Popp, Acting Battalion Chief  
   Billy Seamans, Battalion Chief  
   Linda Romero, Billing Supervisor/Adm Asst  
   Melissa Tomlinson, James Vincent Group  
   Jessica Carney, James Vincent Group

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Mr. McMurtrie led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the invocation.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. McMurtrie opened the call to the public at 7:01 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Call to the public closed at 7:01 p.m.

**COMMAND STAFF REPORT**

Chief Savage advised that the years of service awards were not here in time for the awards banquet and presented the years of service awards to those who were in attendance, he gave the respective BC's the plaques for those who were absent.

Chief Savage advised he had a follow up meeting with the Legacy Foundation on the Matter of Balance grant which went well and they are pleased. We should be receiving funding for two additional years.

The fuel reduction grant is going well; they lost the Ft. Grant crew but Tucson One is in and picking up another few parcels.

Chief Savage advised we have received payment in full for the Sawmill Fire for \$18,786.00 and have submitted an invoice for the Mulberry Fire in the amount of \$5,013.12.

Cochise County All-Hazards Incident Support Team meeting went well. BC Seamans and Capt Mauzy will be supporting the team from Fry Fire.

Chief Savage met with Chief Bidon about working with Whetstone; however we are still waiting on the per diem firefighter agreement to be returned from our attorney.

Chief Savage will be out of town for his EFO Leadership Development class from May 21-June 3; he has already met with the BC's regarding his absence.

BC Gordon reported that he met with the burn room representative today and he found that this issue is the control panel, which is warrantied, and will be working to replace it. He also advised that the toxic exposure forms will roll out this Friday.

BC Seamans reviewed call totals and a handout was presented to the board. He also advised he will have other breakdowns for the next board meeting. He told the board that James Engols has retired; last Friday was his last day. We have hired Jim Ayers for his position and he started today.

BC Popp advised that there was a TRT mission on Saturday, May 13, 2017, that went well and wanted to say great job to the crew as they were able to get the patient out quickly.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for April 2017.

Melissa and Jessica with the James Vincent Group were in attendance and gave a power point presentation to the board which included all of the financial information for April 2017. Mr. McMurtrie asked that if they notice something questionable, please bring it to the board's attention. The board requested that the transfer from leave reserve be made to the M&O for the leave buy outs. Mr.

Barnett made a motion to accept the monthly financial reports as presented. Mr. Huish seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0  
Motion Carried

B. Review and discussion on the warrants issued for the month of April 2017.

Mr. McMurtrie inquired as to what was purchased at Alpha Graphics for \$4,000.00; Linda advised him that he was a line off on the check amount and that the \$4,000.00 purchase was actually to Human Resource Strategies. There were no other questions regarding the warrants. Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the warrants for April 2017. Mr. Huish seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0  
Motion Carried

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Special board meeting minutes of May 3, 2017

There were no questions regarding the minutes of the special board meeting on May 3, 2017. Mr. Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2017, special board meeting as written. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0  
Abstention: 1 (Mr. McMurtrie abstained as he was absent for the 5/3/17 meeting)  
Motion Carried

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. AFDA Report

Chief Savage reported that the Occupational Diseases and Cancer Bill and Cardiac Bill passed and are awaiting signatures. The legislature is currently in recess.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and possible action on SBA Tower Contract

Chief Savage advised the board that the plot plans have been received and there are two options. He will be meeting with Steve Clark on Thursday afternoon to discuss any other contract adjustments before sending a consolidated list back to SBA. Chief Savage reviewed the options and recommended that we go with

option #2. Mr. McMurtrie requested that Chief Savage confirm that this will not have any impact on the Tombstone water line. No action was taken on this item.

**B. Per Diem Firefighter Agreements with Palominas Fire District and Whetstone Fire District**

Chief Savage advised we have still received no word back from our attorney after several reminders. No action was taken on this item.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Discussion and possible action on FY 2017/2018 Budget.**

Melissa with the James Vincent Group provided a power point presentation on the proposed budget and there was in depth discussion with the board. Mr. McMurtrie wants to ensure that we are prepared to explain the levy rate increase to our residents. Mr. Huish wanted to make note that the amount of increased revenue from the increase in levy rate will generate \$188,561, which does not even fully fund the increase in PSPRS of just under \$300,000. He wanted to note this to reflect that we are making other changes in the budget to absorb the burden from within, rather than handling the full increase by raising the levy rate.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to accept the proposed budget for posting as presented. Mr. Huish seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

Motion Carried

**B. Discussion and possible action on Local 4913 Meet and Confer Resolution**

Chief Savage reported that we are still waiting legal review, so there is no action to be taken at this time.

Mr. Huish made a motion to table this agenda item. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0

Motion Carried

**C. Discussion and possible action on City of Bisbee Wildland IGA**

Chief Savage advised the board that this is the same agreement that the board approved at the last meeting with Palominas Fire District.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to accept the City of Bisbee Wildland IGA. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0  
Motion Carried

D. Discussion and possible action on legal representation for FFD.

Mr. Huish made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion. Adjourned to executive session at 8:22 p.m. Regular session resumed at 9:11 p.m.

Mr. Tucker made a motion to empower Chief Savage with the decision to seek legal counsel and review contracts. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4:0  
Motion Carried

E. Discussion and possible action on human resources issues.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

### **REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

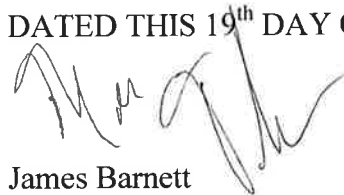
There was a request from board to add a plan and explanation on the levy rate increase for our residents and to review policies regarding future hires. Mr. Barnett advised he will be out of town from the end of May through month of June.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Huish.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

DATED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2017.



James Barnett  
Board Clerk  
Fry Fire District Board