

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2018**

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
Thomas Tucker, Board Member (via phone)

Board Members Absent: Gilbert Gil, Board Member

Command Staff in Attendance: Mark Savage, Fire Chief
Billy Seamans, Battalion Chief
Kaleb Mauzy, Battalion Chief
John Popp, Acting Battalion Chief
Melissa Tomlinson, JVG
Linda Romero, F&A Supervisor

Others in Attendance: Adam Short, Eng
John Clark, FF
Pete Chavez, FF
Andres Chavez, FF

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE/INVOCATION

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. McMurtrie 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. 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'S REPORT

Chief Savage opened the meeting reporting that the Annual Awards Banquet was March 3, 2018. Nominations were as follows: Outstanding Achievement Award Nominees – Dennis Ferrel, Jimmy Ayers, Jared Haros; EMS Professional of the Year – Mike Shamas, Daniel Callahan, Jennie Allred; Firefighter of the Year – Matt Brown, Jared Haros, Erik Shisslak, Dennis Ferrel. The winners were FF/EMT Dennis Ferrel for Outstanding Achievement; Eng/CEP Daniel Callahan for EMS Professional of the Year and Firefighter of the Year FF/CEP Jared Haros. Nominations were reviewed by SVFMD, CVMC, AirEvac and DFD.

Chief Savage reported that the GOHS Child Safety Seat Grant is ongoing, we are working to purchase child safety seats for distribution throughout the county.

Chief Savage advised that we have received the Tombstone IGA back from Mr. Matura and delivered it to Chief Bruster. We had two employees, Bernal and Wallace, on the Thomas Fire in Safford. They have returned from this assignment and we will be working on the invoice to AZDFFM.

Chief Savage reported that Paychex is up and running. Linda is currently working on setting up ACH transfers for individual retirement contributions for Nationwide and Security Benefits, as well as PSPRS.

Stop the Bleed Day is March 31st, FF Shamas is planning to instruct up to two classes. We have reserved the USFS classroom in the event it is needed.

Chief Savage met with Chief DeWolf from Palominas on Monday. They are currently only able to offer BLS coverage at this time due to lack of CEP's. Chief DeWolf is looking to hire an Operations Chief and three full-time firefighters. We continue to offer any support they will take and have two firefighters picking up part-time shifts.

Chief Savage reported that we will lose FF Starr to the USFS at the end of this month and FF Redmond to nursing school in May. Hiring options will be discussed with company officers tomorrow at the officers meeting.

Information was forwarded to all of the board members regarding the insurance claim for the ACR. PSPRS has requested some additional information and we are continuing to working towards a resolution with them.

AFDA Report:

Chief Savage highlighted the following:

Bills of Interest –

H2196 – Limits CON Hearings to 10 days absent extraordinary need (Support)

Passed the House, Senate recommended to Pass.

S1047 – Appropriates \$172,100.00 for State Fire School (Support)

Passed the Senate, ready for the House to Pass.

H2097 - Pension funding policy.

Passed the House, recommended to the Senate.

H2180 – Reduces public hearing requirement for budget amendments (Support)

Passed the House, ready for the Senate.

BC Seamans provided and reviewed handouts with area call totals.

BC Seamans reported that he, BC Mauzy and Jimmy Ayers went to the pre-build inspection for the Type 3 Engine. They made modifications as needed to suit our needs and felt this was a very productive trip.

Acting BC Popp advised that training is going well with all shifts. He also noted we will be having another Confined Space class the end of April; and joint training for engineers in April/May with Ft. Huachuca and SVFMD.

BC Mauzy reported we have received our wildland contract back from the state. We will see a decrease of 15% on our Type 3, but we have added the ability for a rapid extrication team to our contract this year.

April 19th will be the regional TRT quarterly training.

May 5th is National Wildlife Preparedness Day, there will be an event for the public at Sta. 365 and we'll be offering chipping for local residents.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Review, discussion and possible action on the monthly financial reports for February 2018.

Melissa with JVG gave a Power Point presentation that included all of the financial statistics. A packet of the presentation was also provided to the board.

Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the financial reports, Mr. Huish seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Carried

B. Review and discussion on the warrants issued for the month of February 2018.

There were no questions regarding the warrants issued for the month of February 2018.

C. Update to budget planning timeline for FY 18/19.

Melissa discussed the possibility of having a special board meeting in April for FY 18/19 budget prep and review. She explained that Chief Savage has sent out templates to program managers to submit budget requests, she will receive the requests and finish developing the budget shell from the proposals.

Melissa gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed in detail the 10-Year Capital Replacement Plan, a summary sheet was provided to the board with projections out to 2028. She expressed her appreciation for all of BC Seaman's hard work on this. Line items were reviewed that included vehicle and communication equipment replacements that should have already occurred. In several instances we have equipment that is well-beyond its expected service life. The lack of a replacement plan has put the district behind, but we are happy to have a plan in place moving forward and will continue to work diligently on it. The board was pleased to have a capital replacement plan presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Special board meeting minutes of March 23, 2018.

Mr. Huish made a motion to accept the special board meeting minutes of March 12, 2018. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0

2 Abstentions – Mr. McMurtrie and Mr. Barnett abstained as they were not present at the March 12, 2018, special board meeting.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on Compensation/Benefits Policies.

Mr. Huish made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Barnett".

James Barnett
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board