

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 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  
Robert McMurtrie, Board Member  
Norman Sturm, Board Member (acting clerk)

Board Members Absent: Eric Andersen, Board Clerk  
Thomas Tucker, Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Mark Savage, Fire Chief (electronically)  
Diana Jones, Billing Supervisor  
Ben Archer Clowes, JVG  
Kaleb Mauzy, Deputy Chief  
Billy Seamans, Deputy Chief  
Bronson Lacaillade, Captain  
Pete Chavez, Acting Engineer  
Dennis Ferrel, Firefighter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Mr. Huish led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Sturm 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 6:01 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

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

**LIFESAVER RECOGNITION**

a. David Deary Unit Citation Award Presentation.

Deputy Chief Kaleb Mauzy recognized members of the public and Fire District personnel for saving the life of Susan Szilvassy on September 25, 2022. Mr. Albert Armenta and Ms. Melissa Wendl performed lifesaving CPR on Ms. Szilvassy prior to the arrival of Fry Fire District staff: Captain Bronson Lacaillade, Lieutenant Silverio Yanez, Firefighter Eric Friedenberg, Captain Michael Kean, Acting Engineer Pete Chavez, Firefighter Dennis Ferrel, and Deputy Chief Billy Seamans. The Fire District personnel applied a LUCAS device, provided advanced life support, and transported Ms. Szilvassy. They were each awarded the David R. Deary Unit Citation for their life saving actions.

No action taken on this item.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Board Meeting on October 25, 2022.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 25, 2022. Mr. Sturm seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Ben Archer Clowes from James Vincent Group (JVG) gave a PowerPoint presentation reflecting the financial reports for October 2022 and year-to-date. The board reviewed the warrants for the month. A discussion followed.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to accept the October 2022 financial reports. Mr. McMurtrie seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

## **COMMAND STAFF'S REPORT**

Chief Mauzy provided the following report from Chief Savage:

Proposition 310 failed to pass. Chief Savage expressed his sincere appreciation for all the efforts put forth by the PFFA, AFCA, AFDA and our own Local 4913 to educate the public about this opportunity. Due to the passage of Proposition 132, any similar initiatives in the future will require a 60% voter approval rather than a majority, which may make future propositions somewhat less likely to pass.

Chief Savage reached out to the Cochise County Assessor to try to get a preliminary feel for what our NAV may look like for the next budget year, but he has not had any luck getting an informal estimate yet. They anticipate sharing our information in February.

Operations – Huachuca City operations are continuing to run smoothly. Mr. Ayers has been able to get their reserve engine back up and running. The staff in Huachuca City are working to get it back into service and outfitted with some of the extra equipment and appliances that the Town had in storage.

Chief Savage is happy to share that our redeployment is continuing to go well. The Duty Chiefs have finished meeting with each of our Captains individually. They are also getting the Captains on each shift together. We are optimistic that the improved communications and consistency will help improve performance at the Captain level and ultimately roll down to the rest of our personnel. We are continuing to develop some cleaner lines of effort and clearer expectations for personnel moving forward.

District Staffing – We are continuing to work through some turnover. We are currently looking to recruit one additional full-time firefighter to fill the vacancy anticipated by Captain Allred’s pending retirement in January.

Our seasonal fuel reduction team members are continuing to perform well and produce treated acres both in conjunction with the Tucson Fuels crew, and on separate stand-alone parcels.

Apparatus and Equipment – Our Type 6 Engine is back in service with a new turbo. Unfortunately, the Type 1 Engine that was repaired by W.W. Williams will need to go back to them early next week so they can continue working to diagnose and repair the ongoing transmission issue.

We are waiting to receive the title for the new Tender so we can get it registered and on the road; Chief Seamans and Captain Kean did an excellent job designing it. With a few minor modifications, Chief Savage expects they will be putting a similar specification out to bid soon in anticipation of getting a sister unit started. Given the recent construction and delivery delays, Chief Savage does not anticipate the second Tender being completed until late 2024.

Chief Seamans is still expecting the new 4x2 ambulance to be completed next month. Demers has finally received our 4x4 chassis from Ford to build the ambulance we ordered last year, which we should see delivered in January.

Grants – There is a bid for Cradlepoint, supported by the FEMA AFG grant under this evening’s action items. As soon as we are able to purchase these, we will get them into our front-line units.

We are still waiting for a shipping date from Philips for the new cardiac monitors. We are getting closer to their expected 6-month delivery date. They started a discussion regarding the potential for other monitors to fill the gap between now and the time of the actual delivery of our new ones, but we do not have anything concrete yet. The AEDs that we purchased have begun to see some use. Chief Seamans was the first to arrive on a cardiac arrest patient last week and used his AED on a patient.

There is also an agreement with ADEM under this evening's action items. This is to support the border security radio request which should provide six additional portable and one mobile radio.

SEACOM – SEACOM is continuing to wrestle with staffing shortages. We are continuing to work to explore opportunities that will provide them with timely support.

Chief Mauzy also reported this year's training is going well; the number of hours is higher this year due mostly to a lot of new hires. We are going to wrap up with live fire in conjunction with Sierra Vista Fire and Medical at Station 143. Next year we are partnering with Palominas, Whetstone, Sierra Vista Fire and Medical, and Ft. Huachuca for regional training already planned.

Chief Mauzy and Chief Seamans met with Chief Foster from Whetstone Fire District to discuss unit specific dispatching instead of station dispatching to help improve responses. A similar meeting will be held Thursday with Chief Buonaccorsi from Palominas Fire District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Review, discussion and possible action regarding new communications tower and associated lease.

Chief Mauzy reported our draft of the AT&T Tower lease contract is still pending review and approval by AT&T. The Acceptance of Conditions document this evening reflects a requirement from Cochise County that we ensure the removal of the existing tower within a year of the new tower's completion. Our draft contract with AT&T includes this provision as well with AT&T reimbursing us for the cost of removal. They are working on an estimate now. Chief Savage is requesting approval of the Acceptance of Conditions from the County supporting the removal of the existing tower within a year of completion of the new tower. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to accept the Acceptance of Conditions document from Cochise County for removal of the old tower within a year of the new tower's completion. Motion seconded by Mr. Sturm.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Grant Agreement with the State of Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs for the purchase of six (6) portable and one (1) mobile multiband radios.

Chief Mauzy reported the ADEM Agreement in the Board Packets is to request approval of the agreement from ADEM supporting our purchase of seven new radios under state contract pricing. The requested radios will improve our capacity to communicate with

local, state, and federal law enforcement officers on calls involving border-related enforcement and medical issues. A discussion followed.

Mr. Sturm made a motion to accept the Grant Agreement with the State of Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs for the purchase of six (6) portable and one (1) mobile multiband radios. Motion seconded by Mr. McMurtrie.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

- b. Review, discussion and possible action regarding purchase of fifteen (15) broadband antennae and wireless routers with funding provided under the FEMA / DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

First Net Quote – requesting approval of up to \$35,000 to purchase 15 HPUE and wireless routers to equip our front-line apparatus with dedicated broadband communications equipment. Actual District funding will be approximately 10% as this request was approved under an AFG Grant.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to approve the purchase of fifteen (15) broadband antennae and wireless routers up to \$35,000.00 with funding provided under the FEMA / DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Sturm.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

- c. Review, discussion and possible action regarding purchase of 2023 Ford F350 truck for fire prevention and investigations.

Fire Prevention / Investigation Truck – Also a state contract bid price for a new support truck to replace the F150 currently used by our Fire Marshal. The new truck will ultimately be outfitted to run as a command truck similar to the existing truck but will also have room for fire prevention and investigation equipment and supplies. The amount requested matches the provided bid. Mr. McMurtrie asked if it was in our capital replacement plan. Mr. Huish said yes, we are not adding a truck we are replacing one.

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F350 truck for fire prevention and investigations, up to \$67,000.00. Mr. Sturm seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0.

Motion Carried.

## **REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no requests from the Board Members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Sturm made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. McMurtrie.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

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Eric Andersen, Board Clerk  
Fry Fire District Board