

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Time/Date: 1900 Hours

20 November 2013

Meeting Location: Greer Fire District Station 2, 38974 SR 373

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dan Leeds called the meeting to order at 1902 hours. Dan thanked Lt. Struble for heading up the platform project on 1740.

II. ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Leeds, Wright, Smith, Combs, Lt. Struble, Firefighter Steve Vickers. Chief Wade was present by teleconference.

III. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Auxiliary Report – None
- Web Site Report – None
- Annual Audit Report – Lee will discuss in Consent Agenda.

II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None present

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: October 23, 2013 – The Board reviewed the minutes. Lee noted that the letter regarding the County Treasurer's monthly reports to the Board was sent to the Treasurer rather than the Board of Supervisors. He distributed a copy of the letter. Chief said we have not yet received a response. Lee suggested moving item V.F. (correspondence) to the action calendar.

B. Chief's Report:

- A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. Chief added that the appreciation dinner date and place has been finalized. It will be at 6:30 P.M. December 18 at Snowy Mountain Inn. The December Board meeting will be held at 5:00 P.M. prior to the dinner.
- Chief also discussed Omni Advantage status. Jim asked whether his daughter could be added to the plan as she is living at home. Chief said yes.
- Chief said we have not had a recent response from ADOT on the Hall Creek curve issue. Dan said we need to keep on this issue.
- Chief described the Fit for Duty physical program. We have funds budgeted for 7 or 8 people this year.
- Lee asked Chief to explain the need for a second man on day shift. Chief said projects at both stations could be more efficiently accomplished if a second man is available. With Captain Carnwright off, the funds for salary are available.
- Chief gave an update on Captain Carnwright's status.
- The deadline on the AFG grant is December 4. Assistant Chief Kirk and Steve Vickers are actively working on this.

C. Chairman's Report:

- Dan discussed the recent lawsuit filed in the Yarnell Fire matter.
- Dan has requested that Chief Wade acquire information and cost on resolving the rust problem in our storage tanks. Some options are to clean and treat, replace with fiberglass or plastic or replace with galvanized steel. Steve Vickers has been assigned the project. A decision needs to be made prior to next year's budget process.

D. Treasurer's Report:

- Lee distributed the corrected balance sheet for October 1 with the late County input, as well as the one for this month (without County input). Lee reviewed the financial packet in detail. We are at 37% of the year.

Account Balances 11/1/2013

General Fund

10-1010 Apache County Treasurer -----	\$Not available
10-1015 Payroll National Bank of Arizona-----	\$ 3,753.84
10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of Arizona-----	\$45,289.06
10-1025 Capital National Bank of Arizona-----	<u>\$39,394.47</u>
General Fund Total-----	<u>\$88,437.37</u>

Greer Fire District Auxiliary----- \$ 7,974.53

Greer Fire District Pension----- \$16,193.41

Bellinger Springs Water Users----- \$ 2,568.39

E. Committee Reports – Harriet has taken a temporary leave of absence from the Auxiliary for medical reasons. Jan Gabby is temporarily in charge.

F. Correspondence

- We received a notice from the Apache County Board of Supervisors that there will be a hearing on December 5 concerning Greer Lodge Estates Phase 2. This is the former Pegnam cabins property.
- Chief said we need to take a more active role in planning and zoning with our input re: fire codes and spacing.
- Lee reported on the community meeting in Round Valley. An economic conference in Phoenix was held and it appears that most grant money coming to Arizona will go to the “sun corridor” rather than to the more rural communities.
- A community meeting will be held in Alpine on November 22 regarding new boundaries for wolf habitat.
- The Rocky Mountain big horn sheep reintroduction project is on track.
- Lee moved acceptance of the consent agenda with the proviso that we move discussion of the County Treasurer correspondence to the Action Calendar. Second by Jim. Unanimous.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Calendar

A. Personnel Issues – None

B. Volunteer and Hiring Candidates – None

C. Auxiliary Activities – None

D. We are still waiting for Ashley to finalize the Occupational Health S.O.P.

E. AFG Grant

The original idea for the grant was to bring us into compliance. Therefore St. Johns Assistant Chief Kirk suggested increasing the number of turnouts requested from seven up to thirteen. This would take the cost from \$5100 to \$6700.

Lee moved to table the AFG grant to next meeting. Second by Jim. Unanimous.

F. Air Quality Testing – Chief Wade

We need to do quarterly air quality testing when we get our SCBA Station functional.

Chief got some estimates of cost from Tri-Air Inc. They would send a kit which tests for oxygen, nitrogen, CO, CO2, methane, volatile compounds, oil and particulates. The yearly cost would be \$660.

Option two is to purchase the machine for \$444. With postage and the on-going costs Chief estimates that the machine would pay for itself in five years. Chief recommends purchase of the kit. Bob moved that we purchase the kit per Chief's recommendation. Second by Smith. Unanimous.

G. Release of GFD property - Chief Wade

1744 is no longer used and should be disposed of. Steve Vickers is interested in purchasing it. There was discussion of requirements for disposal of District property. Chief recommends selling it for \$500. Bob said in the future we need to know definitively what the legal requirements are for disposal of District property. Dan asked how it would be paid for. Steve requested a payroll deduction of \$50 per pay period. Chief said we should sell it with no lien but with a separate written agreement signed by Steve agreeing to the payroll deduction. Jim moved we sell 1744 to Steve Vickers for \$500. Second by Lee. Unanimous.

H. Treasurer Issue

Motion by Lee. We resolve to send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors with a copy to the County Attorney addressing our issues with the County Treasurer's office. Second by Jim. Unanimous.

VII. Board Member Comments

Lee – Items F & G can be removed from the agenda. The Treasurer issue can be Item F next meeting, December 18, 2013.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 2109 hours.

By _____
Robert L. Combs, Clerk of the Board

Board Members:

Dan Leeds, Chairman _____

Ted Diepstraten **ABSENT**_____

Jim Wright_____

Bob Combs_____

Lee Smith_____