

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- DRAFT

Meeting Time/Date: 0900 Hours

23 March 2016

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lee Smith, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 0902 hours.

II. ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Lee Smith, Ted Diepstraten, Peter Pegnam, Jim Wright. Jimmy Emerson absent. A quorum of board members was present. Also present Chief Mark Wade, firefighter Steve Vickers and GFD auxiliary member Harriet Barker.

III. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Auxiliary Report: Harriet Barker reported that the auxiliary had received \$430 from the sales of t-shirts and baseball caps. Plans for the Memorial Day weekend Open House discussed. The proposed purchase of items to be given away to Open House visitors discussed. Also, discussed was the proposed purchase of two coffee urns for the annual pancake breakfast and other functions. The Dan Leeds scholarship now scheduled to begin in 2017.

- Website Report: Chief Wade discussed deleting or archiving some of the older public records files as new ones are added.

- Annual Audit Report. None.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A.) Minutes: The Board reviewed minutes for last month's regular meeting.

B.) Chief's Report: A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. Chief Wade also said that Verizon representative Reg Destree had contacted him about construction of the Verizon tower. Destree said the contract has been signed by Verizon, but that construction of the tower will not start this year. The district has been advertising for bids for construction of a block wall to be erected in conjunction with the tower.

C.) Chairman's Report: None.

D.) Financial Report: The Board reviewed.

Account Balances 3/01/2016

General Fund

10-1010 Apache County Treasurer -----	\$75,330.75
10-1015 Payroll National Bank of Arizona -----	\$15,426.98
10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of Arizona -----	\$99,707.19
General Fund Total -----	<u>\$190,464.92</u>

Greer Fire District Auxiliary -----	\$9,014.75
Greer Fire District Pension -----	\$31,569.23
Bellinger Springs Water Users -----	\$1,699.55

E.) Committee reports: None.

F.) Correspondence: None.

Motion by Ted and second by Jim to approve the consent agenda. Approved 4-0.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CALENDAR

A.) Personnel Issues: Chief Wade presented the Board with proposals for new staffing positions and compensation. Proposed changes in the budget, tax levy and tax rate for next fiscal year also discussed as part of this. The Budget Committee will be meeting next month to formalize the proposal to present the Board at its April meeting. Included in the proposal is a 2016 Safer Grant to pay for two additional firefighters for two years. Chief Wade asked the Board to approve a Resolution for Safer acknowledging that the funds, if awarded, would be used for two additional firefighters and would not be used to fund current staffing positions. Ted moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Peter seconded. Approved 4-0.

B.) Hiring Candidates: Chief Wade reported that Brian Lassen of Tucson will now be available to the district as Engine Boss when the district's engine is used for wildland fires. Lassen has 21 years experience and will be able to help train district personnel. District expenses are reimbursed by the State of Arizona. Greer Fire District currently has no one qualified as Engine Boss.

C.) Auxiliary Activities: Approval sought for \$800 for items discussed under Agenda Item III: The purchase of two coffee urns and items to be given away at the Open House. Jim so moved. Peter seconded. Approved 4-0.

D.) Standard Operating and Administrative Procedures: None.

E.) Privacy fence. Discussed under V (B).

F.) Verizon tower: Discussed under V (B).

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The next regular Board meeting was set for 0900 hours April 27 at station 2.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 1134.

By _____

Peter Pegnam, Clerk

Board members:

Lee Smith, Chairman _____

Ted Diepstraten _____

Jim Wright _____

Jimmy Emerson _____

Peter Pegnam _____