

MINUTES OF THE
BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

July 8, 2015 – Public Hearing/Open Meeting

Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on August 12, 2015.

A Public Hearing and Open Meeting of the Buckskin Fire Department was convened on July 8th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the training room of the Buckskin Fire Department located at 8500 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ., 85344.

Public Hearing

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Daniels called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00pm
2. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chairman Jeff Daniel, Greg Bachmann, Glenda Gerson
Absent: Monty “Robert” Rust, Robert Gory
Staff Present: Chief Chambers, Pattie Lonnee, Administrative Assistant
Public Present: Bill Brown, Luanne Brown, Marlene Gerson
3. (Public Item) Hearing on Protest/Objections to the legality of the budget for FY2015-2016 or any of the previous proceedings connected herewith. Jeff Daniel: Turns to the Board to make a motion. Have we heard anything new with the county? Chief Chambers: Today they issued a check. It is not the full amount. It is \$20,000.00. It is still short \$2,200.00. I told her this is why we are still owed from last year. Jeff Daniel: So do you have somewhat of a bottom line? Do we have more money now that we’ve got a little more money? Chief Chambers: We have \$20,000.00 from FDAT, from last year. We had already figured it into the budget because we were supposed to receive it before June 30th. We are still short \$2,000.00 from that. Jeff Daniel: So we have 3.12? Chief Chambers: No we have 3.07. Glenda Gerson: The County still has not paid us? Chief Chambers: They did issue us a check today for \$20,000.00. They still owe us \$2,200.00. Glenda Gerson: Do they know when they are going to pay that? Chief Chambers: As the taxes come in, because they are saying the \$2,200.00 still owed is what is owed in taxes. We should be getting grant money back that we had paid out this year. That will be going back into our reserve. Greg Bachmann: So we are still at 3.07? Chief Chambers: Yes, we are still at 3.07. Greg Bachmann: Have we had any input from the public about the budget? Chief Chambers: I have had one call from a gentleman up in Lakeside about when this meeting was. He wanted to discuss what was going on with the retirement. He also said we are doing a great job and he supports us. He just wanted to know if it all had got straightened out and I told him yes, they’re definitely working on it. I had spoken with Dan Fields and we are at 42% and the county is at 44% for the Sheriff’s Department. Jeff Daniel: The biggest thing now as we are aware as a Board and yourself , is we just have to be on it and if it’s going to go up there’s nothing we can do about it. We just have to figure out how we are going to pay it. Let’s just say if the whole district closed down, we are still going to have to pay. So we still have to come up with that money one way or another. Some shape, form or fashion. I mean we might as well keep the doors open and plug away and see what we can do. We have to pay it. Chief Chambers: I did get an email today saying they accepted our routing number and our stuff from the bank. The Safer Grant. It doesn’t say that we have the grant but our routing number has been accepted and verified. Pattie Lonnee: I had to go onto the website and enter and verify between the SAMS and the FEMA. The information was different from having a Safer Grant in previous years. Our banking information changed, so that needed to be updated. It was really quite an ordeal. Chief Chambers: The first awards went out this week

and there were about six of them. Desert Hills was one of those six; they were awarded six people that they had laid off last year. It could be anytime now, I am hoping. Jeff Daniel: Anything else? Chief Chambers: Not as far as the budget. **Motion was made by Greg Bachmann to submit the budget as it was published and agreed upon in our previous meeting. Seconded by Glenda Gerson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: Robert Gory, Monty "Robert" Rust

Adjourn Meeting: 6:15pm

Regular Meeting

4. Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Daniel called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m

Roll Call:

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Daniel, Greg Bachmann, Glenda Gerson

Absent: Monty "Robert" Rust, Robert Gory

Staff Present: Chief Chambers, Pattie Lonnee, Administrative Assistant, Captain Jason Cramer

Public Present: Bill Brown, Luanne Brown, Marlene Gerson

5. (Action Item) **Approval of Minutes** submitted for Work Session/Regular Session on April 27, 2015, May 13, 2015, and June 8, 2015. **Motion made by Greg Bachmann to approve the minutes as listed in item #3. Seconded by Glenda Gerson. Motion passed unanimously.**
Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: Robert Gory, Monty "Robert" Rust
6. (Action Item) Discussion and Possible action: **Acceptance of monthly expense report 06/01/15-06/30/15.** All transactions approved by Administrative Fire Chief; documentation for these expenses were reviewed and authorized by a minimum of two Fire Board Members whose signatures are on the warrants issued to vendor(s), as per Buckskin Fire District policy and procedures. **Motion made by Greg Bachman to accept the monthly expense report of 06/01/15-06/30/15. Seconded by Glenda Gerson. Motion passed unanimously.**
Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: Robert Gory, Monty "Robert" Rust
7. (Action Item) Discussion: Tabled from previous meeting held on June 8th, 2015. Discussion/Update from Pension Board Chairman Monty "Robert" Rust. Jeff Daniel: Monty Rust is not present today. We will go ahead and table this action item until our next meeting on August 12.
8. (Action Item) Discussion and possible action to approve deferring repayment of Castle Rock Tax error in the amount of \$14,225.43 for the tax years 2012 and 2013. Chief Chambers: What they

already previously pulled out of our account, we could not get back. It was by statues. Basically it is up to us or up to the Board when and how they want to pay back the other amount. The \$14,225.43. If you would like to do payments. Glenda Gerson: If we make payments, is there any interest involved? Chief Chambers: There could be because we do owe them interest. It would be whatever interest incurred on it. I could not tell you that. Greg Bachmann: You don't know the percent or anything? Chief Chambers: No. Jeff Daniel: Do you want to find more information out? Chief Chambers: Sure. Jeff Daniel: Do you think we have enough time for our next meeting? Chief Chambers: Yes, we have plenty of time before our next meeting. Jeff Daniel: Just find out if we do a 3 year or a 5 year, what we are looking at. Would that be ok guys? We're going to have Chris, if that is ok with Glenda and Greg, look into this a little more, to see what we're looking at between a 3 or 5 year payment back to the county for it. Chris we will have you look into this a little further. Pattie Lonnee: I can find out what terms they will give us and what options we have.

9. (Action Item) To approve signing of the Arizona State Forestry Division renewal of the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA). To be signed by an attorney for the Fire Department, District, or City. Chief Chambers: It is our IGA. We sign every 2 years with the State Forester. **Motion made by Greg Bachmann to approve the county attorney to sign the agreement between Buckskin Fire Department and Arizona State Forestry (IGA). Seconded by Glenda Gerson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ayes: 3

Nayes: 0

Absent: Robert Gory, Monty "Robert" Rust

10. (Report) **Chairman's Report:** Jeff Daniels: Nothing at this time.

- a. Recent Meetings
- b. Correspondence

11. (Report) **Fire Chief's Report:**

- a. Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log
44 Medical, 1 Fire, 6 Brush Fires, 4 Public Assist, 3 Vehicle Accidents, 3 Snake embankments, 1 Boat Accident, 1 Unknown Fire. 63 calls total. That was shortened from 6/5 to 6/30. Our unit responses are below that. Greg Bachmann: So how far ahead percentage wise, are you still running 20%? Chief Chambers: Yes, were probably over that, a little more than we were last time. We are still averaging more.
- b. Monthly Activities
 - i. CPR and Dive Class. Joe Maxwell had a full classroom for CPR.
 - ii. IMD training is continuing, we are currently doing electronic charting. IMD has reduced the rate to \$700.00 a month. They lowered it because we have one less paramedic. They've given us a credit, which it is up to us on how what we would like to do with it. We can put one person through an EMT class. I would like to keep that credit or turn it in, either way I do not want to put anyone through an EMT class. We require EMT but if we could put credit towards a paramedic class that would be great. Jeff Daniel: As long as we keep it on the books so we do not lose it. Chief Chambers: Exactly.
 - iii. We already discussed the FDAT.
 - iv. We had a Mass Fatality class next door that a few of us attended.

v. On the 23rd we had a Homeland Security exercise, which they flew out 5 Homeland Security personnel.

vi. Dive rescue class on the 26th-28th. River Flames helped out with food. Greg was one of the instructors, Hal Collette, Guy Nelson, Jeff Harran from Havasu Fire and helped with ICS, and few of our own guys, Weatherford, Cramer, Kyle Conley from the Sheriff's Department, Hindalletter from DPS, Karl and Nancy from Parker Fire and the Sheriffs. A Tow Truck sponsored us and did the towing. Care Flight and Native Air also helped to sponsor the class. Buckskin's guys were able to go through the class without paying. We had 13 students. It went exceptionally well this year.

Jeff Daniel: The 4th of July, we didn't have any fatalities? Chief Chambers: No, 4th of July was very busy on the water but we hardly had anything. We had the boat out; I'm not sure how we didn't have anything because there were boaters everywhere. I'm not sure if I've updated you or not but we haven't been able to get the water grant for a few years because they discontinued it for the fire and basically everyone else, it was just for law enforcement and the parks. We finally got a hold of someone that is pursuing it for us and he has contacted Captain Byrd several times. Captain Cramer got a complete price on a new boat, completely outfitted. Captain Cramer: I think with the pump and everything it comes close to about \$160,000.00. Chief Chambers: Anyway, he took the bid and he was getting with Fish and Game about possibly funding it this year.

c. Upcoming activities and events

State Fire School is coming up in September. I will be helping teach Truck Company with Chief Harran. They also found some large companies to sponsor Fire School so it brought the costs of the rooms down. APS is also doing additional funding for departments with less than 20 people. We received \$250 per each two people and we are sending 6 people. La Paz County Fire Chiefs meeting is on July 20th. We have not had one in a couple months. It will be held here at the department at 11:00am. July 27th is the After Action Report for the exercise we held this month.

12. Call to the Public. Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. *Those wishing to address the Buckskin Fire District Board need not request permission in advance Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(G), the Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public that is not specifically identified on the Agenda. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda.* Public input is limited to two (2) minutes per session unless a greater amount of time is approved by the Board. ***The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the current Agenda; due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.***

Glenda Gerson: I just want to let you know, I don't if you've noticed I'm on this Parker Pioneer Board. We are now going to have a monthly column regarding Buckskin Fire Department and the things that we do. We've already had one column and we will be having a second one which the Chief and I are working on right now, and I think it is a very positive thing. No further comments or questions.

