

MINUTES OF THE
BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

09/20/17-Open Meeting: Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on October 18, 2017. A Special Open Meeting of the Buckskin Fire Board was convened on September 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the classroom of Station 1 of the Buckskin Fire Department located at 8500 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344. The following matters were discussed at the Special Open Meeting.

Buckskin Fire District Fire Board held a special meeting with La Paz County Finance Director, La Paz County Assessor, La Paz County Supervisor to discuss recent tax bill published in error by La Paz County.

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Daniel, Secretary/Clerk: Wayne Posy, Board Member; Glenda Gerson, Robert Gory, and Don Rountree, (via telephone).

Staff Present: Interim Chief Pellerin, Barbara Cole, Captain Byrd, Firefighter Reeder & Firefighter Kolwalski.

Public Present:

Valerie Hinson, Barry Gerson, John Gutekunst, Maggie Hinson, Dorothy Durham, Marlene Gerson, Don Sullivan, Anna Camacho, & Terry Krukemeyer

3. Meeting regarding recent tax bill published in error by La Paz County. In attendance was La Paz County Assessor, Anna Camacho and the Las Paz County Finance Director, Terry Krukemeyer. The La Paz County Supervisor was unable to attend the meeting as intended.

Board members Robert Gory expressed his concerns regarding how the County was going to correct and how it was going to affect the tax payers regarding selling of property. Wayne Posey explained to the public as to what the error was, regarding the tax bills that the County had already mailed out. Some of the public members had already received their tax bills, so there would have to be some kind of correction that would need to be made by the County. Anna Camacho, County Assessor explained what had happened, regarding the errors and stating that Buckskin Fire Department was not the only District affected by an error and mistakes were made when the previous Finance Director left the position. Ms. Camacho has been working to assist in finding a method to fix the error that would be least expensive to the tax payers regarding the approximately \$77,000 over charge. La Paz County's newly appointed Finance Director, Terry Krukemeyer, was willing to listen to any suggestions that can help the Fire District fix the resulting problem created by this error. This affects the Buckskin Fire District adopted budget. He stated that he was open to any suggestions to resolve the problem and that he would be working on the issues and get back to the Fire District on how La Paz County and the Fire District can come to a resolve that would work for the County, the taxpayers and the Fire District, and still be in accordance to the Fire District's obligations regarding the budget adoption process or the effects of changing an already adopted budget and the legal ramifications to the District and the public.

Terry Krukemeyer made it clear that whatever is done will have to be legal to the Fire District and that it will have to be done quickly. Jeff Daniel made it clear that whatever is done, it will have to be run through the Buckskin Fire District's attorney to make sure that everything is legal regarding the Fire District and the Fire Board Members, and to seek the best way to rectify the problem, since the Fire Board had already approved a budget and the County had misprinted the rate, making it higher

than what the Fire Board had approved. Suggestions were brought up to help resolve this issue from ever happening again in the future.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Regarding immediate options available to address incorrect tax bill. Chairman Daniel commented that the action was already addressed in Agenda item #3 and there would be no need for further discussion or action regarding Agenda item #4.

5. **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.***

6. Adjourn. No other comments or questions were made prior to adjourning.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Jeff Daniel, Chairman

Date

Barbara Cole
Office Administrator

9/30/17
Date

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PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING, MATT PELLERIN, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF OF BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT (928) 667-3321 PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. FACILITIES ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.
