

# **HARQUAHALA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD**

## **Minutes for Regular Meeting**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

The Harquahala Valley Fire District Governing Board (**HBFD**) convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Fire Station 371, 51501 W. Tonto Street, Tonopah, Arizona, 85354.

Board Clerk, Susan Combs advised that the Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) for legal advice with the District's attorney on matters as set forth in any agenda item. Board Members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. The following topics and a variable thereto will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval or other action. All items are set for possible action.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson Charles "Chip" Main called the Meeting to order at 6:01 PM; all in attendance reminded to sign the "sign in" sheet.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was given by all in attendance

### **3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Roll call conducted; those present were Charles "Chip" Main (Chair), Susan Combs (Clerk), Stephen "Charlie" Kooistra, and Leah Scott – Larry Deneen present via telephone; 5 of 5 board members present; also present: Chief Jeff McMenemy

### **4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- Amanda Rose introduced herself as the administrative manager for the Harquahala Generating Station.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **A. Regular Meeting of May 16, 2017**

All board members present acknowledged the archive of the meeting minutes aforementioned

### **6. FINANCIALS**

#### **A. May 2017**

- No questions from any board members regarding the financials.

Board Chairman Main makes a motion to accept the financials for May 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Clerk Combs. Vote unanimous 5-0; May 2016 financials approved.

### **7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- #### **A. Chief's report – Chief McMenemy goes over his prepared outline and answered questions of the board members as asked. (Please see attached copy of outline.)**

Topics as follows:

1. Truck Update
2. Budget Update
3. Call Count

4. Grant Update
5. Captains' Project Updates
6. Community Service

- Board Clerk Combs complimented Chief McMenemy on his excellence with budget preparation and spending since his being hired on with the District.
- Board Member Scott asked how "brush season" was going so far for the District. Chief replied that there had been one deployment in the valley, and that the state itself has been extremely busy.
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## **8. BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion and Possible action re: approval and adoption of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget**

- There were no comments or concerns from the public made to the Chief regarding the proposed budget for FY 2017/18.
- Board Member Kooistra asked (after approval) where the cuts to the budget were made in order for it to be workable. Chief advised that cuts were made at approximately 10% across the board in all areas to accommodate said budget.

Board Clerk Combs makes a motion to approve and adopt the Budget Proposed for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Scott. Vote unanimous 5-0; Proposed Budget for FY 2017/18 approved.

### **B. Discussion and Possible action re: Brush Truck 372 – status information and possible solutions**

- Chief advised that they are still investigating the actual issues/cause for damage to the truck. He does have two different quotes, each as a different option, but since the issue has not been pin-pointed yet, it would be difficult to make a decision at this time.

Board Chairman Main makes a motion to table action for Brush Truck 372 pending further options and information, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Scott. Vote unanimous 5-0; actions re: BR372 tabled.

### **C. Discussion and Possible action re: PSPRS Meeting discussion and update on Hall Parker Lawsuit and possible approval of refund of payment plan.**

- Presentation given by FF/Eng George Denny: Discussed meeting that took place with the Union and Chief (no board members were able to attend due to scheduling) regarding the PSPRS (retirement) of a couple fire fighters, one who recently separated from service, and one new hire as participants of the retirement system, discussion of the actuary rate, and the current lawsuit aforementioned.
- Chief details the lawsuit discussing the retirement fund issues that will require a refund payment plan that is required by the State; Chief advises that the funds will not come from the District's budget. Initially, funds will be paid by the District, but the PSPRS will refund the District the monies paid out.
- Recommendation to pay employees up front less the interest payment which rate is still pending.

Board Chairman Main makes a motion to approve payment plan refund less the interest at this time, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Clerk Combs. Vote unanimous 5-0; Refund of payment plan approved less interest at this time.

**COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEES/BOARD**

- None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM

Minutes prepared by Board Clerk, Susan Combs, July 21, 2017.

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Susan Combs

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