

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Time/Date: 1900 Hours, 14 November 2012

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

I.) CALL TO ORDER

Dan Leeds called the meeting to order at 1905 hours. Dan thanked the crew for the good job on Station One.

II.) ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Leeds, Wright, Smith, Diepstraten, Combs, Chief Wade, Tyrrell Bailey. Lee moved appointment of Ted Diepstraten for a four year term, second by Combs, unanimous. Combs swore in Dan. Dan swore in Lee and Ted.

III.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Board meeting of 17 October 2012)

Lee moved acceptance, Ted seconded, unanimous

IV.) SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None

Website Report – Chief

Just standard updates.

Auxiliary Report

Chief announced Jan Gabby and Jill Phares' retirement. We currently have four members and would like to have six.

Annual Audit Report - none

V.) CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None present

VI.) REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A.) Chief's Report

For month of October we had 3 EMS calls; two medical and one trauma at Sunrise Lake. We are still waiting for quote on front tires and wheels on 1752. We are hoping to get used tires and wheels-tubeless.

R.J. is working on the back step for 1751.

Cheyenne has been paid for the roof project.

The shed roof over the generator will cost approximately \$1,000 which will come out of 6592. It will be done in-house. Station One is almost done. A solar light has been purchased for the flag. The lights for the rhino are in. All hoses have been tested.

We received about \$23,000 for fuels reduction which was submitted in September. We should receive another \$21,000 to \$23,000 in the next 30 days which will finish 3rd quarter fuels

reduction reimbursements. We are still waiting on the State reimbursement for Steve and Tyrrell for their out-of-district fires.

Snowmobile is in good shape. 1752 tender is drained and winterized. Dave has donated the blade for the Rhino.

Tyrrell is working on the NFIRS. We need NFIRS to be eligible for federal grants.

Navopache will be setting a new pole south of Station One. Dan will check location relative to the spring line.

J & J Signs is refurbishing the Maltese Cross and also they are making some reflective "No Parking" signs.

SFD will be doing a live burn December 1 at the Catholic Church (rectory).

After the first of the year Fit-for-duty test will be performed at the Mountain Avenue Clinic.

Santa will be coming to Greer on December 22 at Snowy Mountain Inn by helicopter and 1741 will escort him.

Chief thinks Virginia Creeper is the way to go for the fence screening. He has updated the Semrows on our beautification effort.

Benny Knoll pit is burning.

Chief has been named secretary of the Northeast Arizona Fire Chief's Association.

There is nothing new on the boat project. Chief thinks commandeering a large boat when needed is a better way to go.

We finally made contact on the SCF audit. A paper/phone audit will be done.

B.) Chairman's Report

Dan reminded us that we still need to plan the appreciation dinner.

C.) Treasurer's Report

Lee reviewed the regular community meeting. USFS has limited tree permits this year, available at the District and S.O. in Springerville. The Alpine salvage tree project has fallen through due to rot. The Catch and Keep pond project near 26-Bar has fallen through due to archaeology problems. AG&F is trying to simplify licensing. They are trying to go from 40 to 8 license types. Chief noted that he needs to know by 12/31 who will be going to the AFTA meeting.

We are at 37.5% of the year. By the end of December we should be at about 50% of property taxes. Line item 6590 has been changed to "contingency". Chief suggested 6592 should be its own line under 6500 and 6590 should be a single line item without subordinates.

Fund Balances – Apache County Treasurer is now in the black.

Account balances 11/14/2012

General Fund:

10-1010 Apache County Treasurer.....	\$95,633.11
10-1015 Payroll National Bank of AZ.....	\$ 14,464.43
10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of AZ.....	\$119,081.51
10-1025 Capital National Bank of AZ.....	<u>\$ 4,074.15</u>

General Fund Total.....	<u>\$233,253.20</u>
Greer Fire District Auxiliary.....	\$ 9,235.72
Greer Fire District Pension.....	\$ 12,495.02
Bellinger Springs Water Users.....	\$ 2,024.39

We received a letter from the I.R.S. saying that we must now pay withholding every time we pay rather than monthly. So it will now be paid bi-weekly as well as monthly. We are now paying a service charge of \$8/month on the Bellinger account. Dan moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report, second by Ted, unanimous.

D.) Committee Reports

Chief said he canvassed the Pension Board about paying R.J. \$1,000 out of the relief fund as he needs back surgery and cannot pay the deductible. Lee said we need to have a regular open public meeting of the Pension Board to approve this rather than canvass.

E.) Correspondence

Lee again reviewed the bi-weekly pay schedule letter from I.R.S.

VII.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CALENDAR

- A.) Personnel Issues – Chief Wade - None
- B.) Volunteer/Hiring Candidates – Chief Wade - None
- C.) Auxiliary Activities - None
- D.) Standard Operating and Administrative Procedures – Chief Wade - None
- E.) State Retirement PSPRS – Tyrrell Bailey

Tyrrell made a presentation on the process involved before we can join.

An actuarial evaluation of the District must be made by GRS to determine our eligibility at a cost of \$1,500.

State statute sets the percentage of contribution by employees - currently 9.55%

Chief, Lee and Tyrrell stressed the advantages of PSPRS as a recruitment and retention tool.

Requires a 5 person local board: Secretary or Treasurer of Fire Board, 2 elected from the fire team, two appointed (one resident and one with human resource skills). The Board requires physical exams and approves/disapproves claims.

We must retain legal counsel.

It is a privatized agency regulated by State statute. The State cannot raid funds.

The doctor doing the fit-for-duty exams will be asked to fill out a separate PSPRS medical form.

Extensive discussion followed. Bob moved we expend \$1500 for the actuarial evaluation of GFD by GRS for the PSPRS. Second by Lee. There was discussion about where the money will come from. It was decided to use 7620 (pension).

Vote: Aye: Wright, Smith Diepstraten, Combs. Nay: Leeds

Lee moved taking the \$1500 from the pension line item 10-7620. Second by Jim.

Unanimous.

F.) Change in Website – Chief Wade

We still haven't heard from Maplegate about updating the website. Media Duck seems more desirable but initial cost would be \$650.00 then \$150/yr. to maintain it. Ted spoke in favor of keeping it simpler. Item was tabled.

G.) AFLAC

Chief explained AFLAC insurance benefits. He recommends we pay the accidental as a benefit for the individual employee and any other coverage they want above the accidental they would do as a payroll deduction. It would cost about \$23-\$28 per month per employee. The approximately \$3,000/yr. cost would come out of In-district differential. Reserves would be covered. They can do it on an individual basis by paying us the group rate. The six fulltime employees would be paid for by us. Lee moved approval of the AFLAC accidental indemnity advantage plan for employee only for the rest of this FY. Second by Ted. Unanimous.

VIII.) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bob announced the Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian Church this Sunday. Kay Dyson has requested pictures of a community service nature. Chief will try to get some of the sandbagging operation. Carole has submitted the GFD fighting the Greer Lodge and R.J. and Larry demonstrating the equipment to students.

Ted said Nancy was wondering if anyone in the GFD would like to be active in an "improving the sidewalks" project. They are difficult to use by handicapped, strollers, etc. Perhaps paving is a possibility and extending them to the north. People walking in the street are becoming a real safety issue.

Chief – Earl Johnson of Fire Rescue Products out of Glendale wants a meeting with the Board to make a presentation regarding becoming a vendor again. Consensus of the Board was not to invite him.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 19.

IX.) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2142 hours.

By: _____

Robert L Combs, Clerk of the Board

Board Members:

Dan Leeds, Chairman _____

Ted Diepstraten _____

Jim Wright _____

Bob Combs _____

Lee Smith _____