

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Time/Date: 1900 Hours

23 October 2013

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dan Leeds called the meeting to order at 1904 hours.

II. ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Leeds, Smith, Combs, Chief Wade, Firefighter Steve Vickers

A quorum of Board Members was present.

III. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- **Auxiliary Report – None**
- **Web Site Report – None**
- **Annual Audit Report – None**

II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None present

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: September 25, 2013 – The Board reviewed the minutes.

B. Chief's Report: A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. In addition, Chief did hear back from Jesse Gutierrez, Globe ADOT, regarding the highway safety issue at Hall Creek. They are actively working on it.

Chief briefed the Board on some of the ongoing management issues affecting other Fire Districts in the area.

Dan asked about the status of the SCBA fill station.

Chief said the electrical is done and it is basically a matter of getting the filters replaced and taking care of the air inlet.

Chief discussed the pros and cons of renting vs. purchasing the test equipment needed. Testing has to be done every quarter.

There was discussion regarding foam problems with 1741. Chief will talk to Western States about the problem.

C. Chairman's Report: Dan reviewed the latest report on the Granite Mountain Hotshots incident.

He stressed increased vigilance due to the autumn fire season now being upon us.

The USFS is currently doing some controlled burning near the 117 road.

We have received a letter from the Arizona Business Association (ABA) which says that we have received a dividend bonus of \$1,268.38 for our participation in the ABA Safety Program (ASP). Dan pointed out that our GFD taxes keep increasing as a percentage of our tax bill due to our lowered assessed valuation. The increase this year is about 17.6%.

D. Treasurer's Report: Lee reviewed the financial packet in detail. We are at 30% of the

year. There is nothing to report on property taxes due to not having received input from Apache County. We should have had about \$7,600 come in this month. Consensus is that we should send a letter to the Board of Supervisors with a copy to the Treasurer expressing our concern that we are not getting the needed report from the County in a timely manner. Chief will send the letter.

Chief pointed out that health insurance went up only .66% compared to 12% last year. Dan asked about a check from last spring to Paul Cabbage which may not have cleared yet. Dan will call him regarding this.

Account Balances 9/1/2013

General Fund

10-1010 Apache County Treasurer -----	\$
10-1015 Payroll National Bank of Arizona-----	\$21,610.31
10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of Arizona-----	\$62,789.06
10-1025 Capital National Bank of Arizona-----	<u>\$39,396.11</u>
General Fund Total-----	\$

Greer Fire District Auxiliary-----\$ 8,923.28

Greer Fire District Pension-----\$18,499.17

Bellinger Springs Water Users----- \$ 2,608.39

E. Committee Reports – None

F. Correspondence – None

Smith moved approval of the consent agenda. Second by Combs. Unanimous.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Calendar

A. Personnel Issues – Chief Wade updated Captain Carnwright's status with regard to being released for duty by his treating physician. It appears he will not be released for any kind of duty before the first of the year. He is still attending classes and doing some limited computer work.

B. Volunteer and Hiring Candidates – None

C. Auxiliary Activities – None

D. Standard Operating and Administration Procedures –Ashley is still finalizing the Occupational Health S.O.P.

E. AFG Grant – Steve Vickers made a presentation on obtaining a grant for needed equipment. The equipment requested will be:

 🔗 Ten air packs

- ☒ 24 air bottles
- ☒ 12 SCBA masks
- ☒ 7 complete sets of turn-outs
- ☒ One thermal imaging camera

St. Johns FD Assistant Chief Jason Kirk will be assisting us in writing the grant. The maximum cost for the equipment listed above will be \$103,209.76 of which our share will be 5%. The matching funds would come out of capital equipment, \$5,160 of which is already earmarked for this.

Leeds - motion to table this item. Second by Smith. Unanimous.

VII. Board Member Comments

Next month's meeting will be Wednesday 20 November. Lee said we need to ensure that we have a signature page for the Treasurer's Report.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.

By _____
 Robert L. Combs, Clerk of the Board

Board Members:

Dan Leeds, Chairman _____

Ted Diepstraten ____ ABSENT _____

Jim Wright _____ ABSENT _____

Bob Combs _____

Lee Smith _____