

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Time/Date: 1900 Hours, 20 October 2011

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

I.) CALL TO ORDER

Dan Leeds called the meeting to order at 1907 hours. Dan thanked all who were involved for their help on the training room project. Chief Wade gave an update on the schedule for finishing the project. He emphasized that it should be done by November 1 to accommodate the upcoming election.

II.) ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Leeds, Diepstraten, Chief Wade, Jan Gabby, Smith, Combs, Chris Struble

III.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Smith, second by Diepstraten to approve minutes of 21 September board meeting. Unanimous consent.

IV.) SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- Web Site Report - None
- Auxiliary Report – Jan said the election board needs to get into training room by the afternoon of November 7.

We should prepare a letter of thanks to Dave Stockett for coordinating the tile donation.

Lee gave an update on the Wallow Fire Recovery Fund.

There was some discussion on distributing the Fire-wise letter to Greer residents and the sample burn permit. It was decided to use the State Farm bags on hand and to do the distribution next Spring. As much as practical, full-time residents will be given the information immediately.

Jan asked for the next board meeting date. It will be Wednesday, November 16.

- Annual Audit Report – None Scheduled

V.) CALL TO THE PUBLIC No members of the public were present.

VI.) REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A.) Chief's Report

- Eight call outs for the month of September – 5 Ems, 3 fire (The fires included 2 MVA and 1 false alarm.)
- Chief discussed pancake breakfast accountability.
- VHF 770 is up and running. Phraseology “seven-seven-zero” must be used. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Dispatch in this regard as they are using “seven-seventy”. System is working good.
- Of the twenty new radios all but three are accounted for at present. Chief believes he

knows where the three are and will account for them shortly. Chief will get radios to those who have requested them, i.e., Bob and Ted. After tomorrow all trucks will have them installed.

- Third quarter fuels reduction grant has been filed.
- Trucks will be re-numbered. Chief explained new simplified system for the three categories: Support – Engines – Tenders
- Discussion on logo change was not conclusive. Chief will present this as a voting item on the next agenda.
- 1740 needs radiator
- Training schedule will be adjusted to accommodate those who work for WMAS. R.J. Is working on the new training schedule.
- \$46,360.56 has been received as partial payment for Wallow Fire reimbursement. Approximately \$84,000 is still outstanding.
- \$2,356.00 was billed to State Land today for lost hose on the Wallow Fire.
- With regard to the trip by Chief and Page to pick up new rescue truck, \$665 was put on the credit card to take advantage of points accrual.
- Enrique Villa was been retained to do the flagpole pad work. Materials are donated by local businesses. Kay Zahn will be contacted for first flag raising. Dedication plaque will be ordered. There was discussion of properly lighting the sign and flagpole.
- As of October 31 Chief will no longer be employed by OmniFlight. Assistant Chief Sluiter will continue with OmniFlight and Chief will coordinate schedules for GFD coverage.

B.) Chairman's Report

- Dan emphasized that safety is our number one priority. Dan presented a letter prepared by the Arizona Cattlegrowers' Association titled "Save Arizona's Forest Environment" which presents a history of USFS management of our National Forests and a plan for mitigating the wildland fire problem. A resolution supporting this effort will be presented for a vote at the next meeting. Lee said the person on duty at GFD should attend all USFS meetings in Greer.

C.) Treasurer's Report

- Lee presented the Budget vs. Actual. We are at 30.7% of the year. The large item on the report is the \$82,162.22 for the rescue truck. \$6295.95 was received from State Land for the January 2010 snow reimbursement.
 - Bank balances as of end of September 2011
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| Auxiliary | \$83,638 |
| Pension Fund | \$25,583 |
| Bellinger Spring | \$ 7,522 |
| | \$1,781 |
- Motion by Dan, second by Bob to approve budget. Unanimous approval.

D.) Committee Reports –None

E.) Correspondence Received: None

VII.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CALENDAR

A.)

- Brandon Hansell resigned, effective October 31, 2011.
- Rachel moved up to the 24 hour B shift.

- Matt Price will be hired pending background and drug test to take Rachael's position.
 - Discussion regarding Jim Nierenberg
 - OmniAdvantage renewals are coming up. Chief asked if we want to keep this program going. Dan expressed support for continuing. Motion to renew OmniAdvantage-Dan, second by Smith. Unanimous approval.
- B.) Matt Price appointment will be presented at the November meeting.
- C.) Auxiliary activities covered in IV.
- D.) Chief reviewed the S.O.P. on P.T.O. and noted the added carry-over provision. The S.O.P. was signed by the Board members. Chief recently attended a class on rehab and will be putting together an S.O.P. covering this.
- E.) Truck put in service on October 16. Dan said there might be a safety problem with the truck being light on the front end. Dave had recommended that a heavier bumper and winch would solve the problem.
- F.) Chief again reviewed the accounts setup and the need for a capital account. He has met with Chief Ben Owens of the Show Low FD who said this creates good budget management. Chief Owens is the acting representative for the AFDA. He recommends a line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank. Smith - motion to create 3 accounts (Capital, payroll, special revenue) to be part of our general fund with National Bank of Arizona. And they need to be government accounts. Signatories to be Combs, Diepstraten, Page and Leeds. Diepstraten second. Unanimous approval.
- Smith – motion that we add two more signers for the Auxiliary account with National Bank of Arizona. Signers will be Jan Gabby and Mark Wade. Combs second. Unanimous approval.
- H.) Bob will get countertops and sink with faucet for the training room.
- Smith – Motion to allocate \$5500 from Auxiliary fund to finish the training room project. Diepstraten second. Unanimous approval.

VIII.) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Chief needs to get together with Ted regarding Budget Committee.

IX.) ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment occurred at 2200 hours. The next regular meeting will be at 1900 hours at Station 2 on 16 November, 2011.

By:

 Robert L. Combs
 Clerk of the Board

Board Members:

Dan Leeds, Chairman _____
 Ted Diepstraten _____
 Dave Page _____
 Bob Combs, Clerk _____
 Lee Smith _____