

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Time/Date: 1900 Hours, 20 March 2013

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

I.) CALL TO ORDER

Dan Leeds called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Dan thanked the team for controlled burns and appreciation dinner.

II.) ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Leeds, Wright, Smith, Combs. Harriet Barker represented the auxiliary. Diepstraten and Chief Wade were absent. Steve Vickers was in attendance.

III.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Board Meeting of 20 February 2013
Smith moved approval, Wright seconded. Unanimous.
- Special Board meeting of 5 March 2013. Smith moved approval, Combs seconded. Unanimous.

IV.) SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None

- Website Report – Chief Wade
 - Current updates
- Auxiliary Report - Harriet reviewed their preparations for the Open House on May 25th. Forest Service will be contacted regarding a representative to talk and possibly getting the Firewise trailer. Navopache Electric and Frontier will be contacted regarding representation. Harriet will talk to managers of Safeway, Bashas, and Wal-Mart regarding possible food donations and gift certificates. Child Find fingerprinting and photographs will be taken. WMRMC will be contacted regarding Wellness programs. This year recycling of trash will be done. There will be several events for the children. Lee Smith will check with the Greer Community Center regarding sound system. Fliers and press releases to the WMI will be done. A tree burn demo will be done if a suitable tree can be found.
- Annual Audit Report -None

V.) CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None present

VI.) REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A.) Chief's Report – Chief Wade submitted a written report which is as follows:
Emergencies: 3 calls total; 1 EMS, 1 Fire, 1 Welfare check.

Personnel: Have 5 registered for Trauma in the White Mountains April 15th in Snowflake (Chief, R.J., Ashley, Tyrrell and Steve).

Training: Continue with weekly trainings, attendance varies. Just completed 2 control burns – Schieldkraut & Brock/Cordes. Good turnout. Assisted by SFD, EFD & USFS. Some attending Wildland refresher April 5 or 6, 2013 @ Fools Hollow Lake.

Equipment: Rhino repaired/replaced front end on right side, replaced winch cable on 1740, picked up & delivered used skid unit donated by USFS. Attended ADOT sale where we picked up message board, fire extinguishers for training and a 10 ton hydraulic press.

Grants: Received \$9887.04 from State Land for 4th Quarter 2012 Fuels reduction.

I am happy with turnout at the Appreciation Dinner. Everyone seemed to enjoy it – received many compliments.

B.) Chairman’s Report - We are headed into our normally dry, windy fire season.

Dan noted that assessed valuations have dropped considerably. Lee pointed out that the rate might have to go up but that will be something to be considered in next year’s budget.

C.) Treasurer’s Report

- We are at 72% of the year. We have received 66% of the taxes. Lee noted that the expenditures on the handout are current but the revenues from Apache County are not. They are almost 20 days old.
- Lee distributed the Exception Reports. Travel is \$536.03 over budget. Bob asked if that could be applied to the message sign (Auxiliary). Lee said that is a possibility. There are battery issues with the new sign which need to be addressed. Travel budget may need to be raised or attendance at conferences limited. The other budget line item is 16-7062, electricity. It is \$942.07 over, due to rate increase and the ETS heater. We may need to raise the line item amount and decrease propane budget accordingly.
- Account balances 03/01/2013

General Fund:

10-1010 Apache County Treasurer.....	\$119,471.67
10-1015 Payroll National Bank of AZ.....	\$ 11,960.17
10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of AZ.....	\$ 62,789.06
10-1025 Capital National Bank of AZ.....	<u>\$ 4,758.65</u>

General Fund Total.....\$198,979.55

Greer Fire District Auxiliary.....	\$ 9,235.72
Greer Fire District Pension.....	\$ 12,207.21

Bellinger Springs Water Users.....\$ 2,152.39

- Lee reported on the community informational meeting: Montlure wants to reopen this summer but the Forest Service is concerned about flood potential. Forest Service is still working on winter aeration of Crescent Lake to include pushing snow off the ice. Forest Service has \$12,000 for trail work District-wide. NRCS is working on range improvements and gave good basin report.

D.) Committee Reports – None

E.) Correspondence

- Dan read a letter commending Chief Wade on his professionalism and service during a recent medical incident.

VII.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CALENDAR

A.) Personnel Issues - none

B.) Volunteer/Hiring Candidates – Chief Wade - None

C.) Auxiliary Activities – None

D.) Standard Operating and Administrative Procedures - None

E.) State Retirement PSPRS – Lee announced that we are still working on getting a representative up here to answer questions.

F.) FY 2013-2014 Budget

- The budget for fuel reduction has been reduced to \$100,000.
- Dan said repair costs on vehicles can easily exceed the budgeted amount. Lee said we are 10% over budget on repairs with still three months to go. Dan said we still have to have the annual vehicle safety inspections. Lee said if you look at total operations we are at 70% which is right on so this indicates that things average out. Lee said the only area in the budget where we could have a change would be the pension.
- Lee moved we table the adoption of the budget until the April meeting. Second by Wright. Unanimous. Lee said we may need a second special meeting to meet the required July 1 deadline on the budget.

VIII.) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Lee said we are currently behind on the yearly evaluation of the Chief. He distributed a suggested format for the evaluation which includes specific objectives and self-assessment by the Chief as well as comments by individual board members. We will discuss and act on this at the next board meeting.

IX.) ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be 24 April 2013.
- Meeting adjourned at 2019 hours.

By: _____

Robert L Combs, Clerk of the Board

Board Members:

Dan Leeds, Chairman _____

Ted Diepstraten _____

Jim Wright _____

Bob Combs _____

Lee Smith _____