

MINUTES, ARIVACA FIRE DISTRICT

March 11, 2016

The Arivaca Fire District Governing Board met in Special session Friday, March 11, 2016 at the Arivaca Fire District Station, 16091 West Universal Ranch Road, Ariaca, Arizona for a special meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Kathleen Wishnick
Bill Clauss
Terry Tompkins
Gene Gibson
Omar Rood

2. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
All present joined in.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. BUSINESS

A. Public Discussion/Motion/Action on 3 month on interim fire chief replacement discussion and selection

Terry made a motion to appoint Stan interim chief with a contract at \$2,000 a month until June 30, 2016 and Gene seconded.

Omar said he would abstain. He was worried about monies. He stated Tangye was getting that but pulling medic shifts.

Kathleen called for a vote. Motion carried 4 yea's and 1 (Omar) abstained.

B. Public Discussion on Fire District Options

1. AFD joint partnership agreement
2. New Interim Chief contract
3. Arivaca Fire District goals
4. Volunteer Recruitment and Retention program
5. Mandatory training and needs
6. Alternative Revenue Streams
7. Fuels Reduction Grant
8. Administrative Coverage Options

Kathleen commented that many of the items came out of discussions with other chiefs, other departments, talked about exploring options for AFD and talked about joint partnership however at this time this is not being looked at.

Terry commented that with the AFD joint partnership agreement we could hire Chief De as a consultant. Chief De Wolfe had some good ideas.

Gene commented that Chief De Wolfe was used when setting up the District.

Terry commented that Chief De Wolfe set up his district about 2.5 years before we became a district.

Kathleen commented about the agenda. She stated the goals had been discussed.

One goal is to start a volunteer retention program. Develop a wildland program is down the road. She suggested revisiting the CON-do a staffing model. Do a training schedule, Sonoita does a yearly one. She talked about how to get firefighters certified on the internet and she stated Chief De Wolfe would do the practical's

Tangye commented that per Mark South you can not do it on line. You have to do fire shelter, know what tools are and with computer you cannot ask questions.

Gene commented that the list of objectives is shy of what is needed.

Tangye about wildland; you have to do a live burn. She suggested asking Chief De Wolfe if he does a live burn.

Kathleen talked about alternative revenue streams. She talked about the Ready Set Go grant for equipment up to \$5,000 for things like chain saws, chipper, etc. She also stated the Safer Grant and how this year there is no match. She asked for a motion to explore the Safer Grant.

Gene made a motion that we get all items in place for this year if possible to apply for the Safer Grant and Terry seconded. Kathleen called for a vote and motion carried 5-0. Terry commented that he hoped the new chief can talk to the personnel and get them prepared for wildland season.

Tangye commented that Mark South has a list of personnel and qualifications of our people.

Omar asked about someone from another district being an engine boss.

Tangye commented that the person is a crew boss, not an engine boss. She just needs 2 more fires.

Kathleen commented that the board will meet with Gene and Flip from Az. State Forestry on March 21st at 2:30 pm. At that time they will discuss fuels reduction. They will use their GPS to identify properties.

Gene thanked Beth for submitting her letter. AFD has to figure out how to get 3 circle system overlap.

Kathleen commented that Chief De Wolfe had a list of books in his private collection. She went over the list and wrote some down. She state Chief De Wolfe also went over fires and the EMC2 program.

Tangye commented that we were using CAD through dispatch.

Kathleen commented that they went over Sonoita Task Books.

Bill commented that Chief De Wolfe trains his people for other departments.

Terry commented we need to remember we are extremely limited in revenue we can produce. We need to consider what we can do to attract people so we can train them for other departments. If it works for Sonoita it should work for us.

Gene commented that he hopes everyone understands the transition turmoil and what we have to go through. We have to get along and get on. We kept trying, we got close. If we can get staff off our backs. We need a new budget by June.

Kathleen stated we may be able to get 10 SCBA's that have 3 years life. We should know soon.

5. CALL TO PUBLIC

Tangye commented that the board should be aware of the fact that for many months she did not have a key to the office. And the one she had on her key ring had disappeared. Also she did not have a key to the PCR file. The fire chief email should be for the fire chief. She was locked out of it and just got back into it. She would like to see roles. Need some defined roles between operations and administration. She also commented on how her key to the office had disappeared.

6. ADJOURNEMENT

Gene made a motion to adjourn and Terry seconded. Kathleen called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0. Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

Approved April 21, 2016

Kathleen Wishnick, Chairperson

Terry Tompkins, Clerk