

MINUTES, ARIVACA FIRE DISTRICT

October 11, 2012

The Arivaca Fire District governing Board met Thursday, October 11, 2012 at the Arivaca Fire Station, 16091 West Universal Ranch Road, Arivaca, Arizona.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Omar Rood called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Kathleen Wishnick
Terry Tompkins
Jim Meade
Omar Rood
Absent: Mark Dresang

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. BUSINESS

A. Public Discussion/motion/action on purchasing and financing Fire Truck

Fire Chief Scott Van Boerum was available via conference phone call.

He stated there were two (2) Type 3 Fire Engines on auction and they were currently over the amount he was looking at. The final date of the auction is October 16, 2012. He stated our engine does not have 4 wheel drive. A type 3 engine is budgeted for the year after next with an amount of \$50,000.

Omar asked what is to stop other districts from getting a type 3 now since Wildland is on a rotation basis.

Fire Chief Scott stated that he does not see that happening.

Omar asked what Fire Chief Scott thought final price would be.

Fire Chief Scott stated he is guessing the \$40,000 range. He stated the maximum he would like approved would be \$50,000 and that would include the sales tax and the cost to go pick up the engine.

Kathleen asked how long it would take to recoup the monies.

Fire Chief Scott stated approximately \$10,000 per week

Gene Gibson commented that in our area we have a 50% chance of getting called out and in other regions of the state we have a 25% chance of getting called out.

Kathleen asked if anyone had reviewed the service records.

Fire Chief Scott commented that he has only seen the comments on line. He also stated this auction site is just for government entities.

Gene Gibson commented that no one would inspect the vehicle.

Fire Chief Scott commented that he had an individual that will finance for 5% with a once a year payment for 5 years. We would make a \$10,000 payment plus interest each year for 5 years.

Gene Gibson asked how many opportunities would we have benefitted from if we had a type 3 engine.

Fire Chief Scott stated Three Points was out for 5 weeks this year with their type 3 engine.

Omar commented that this year we did approximately \$70,000 in wildland and approximately \$170,000 last year. He stated we could have done more if we had this truck.

Fire Chief Scott commented the 6 departments average 2 weeks on rotation plan.

Omar called for a motion.

Terry made a motion to authorize Fire Chief Scott to make a bid on the vehicle. The total amount allowed would be \$50,000 and that would include the sales tax and the cost to get the vehicle here. Kathleen seconded the motion.

Rich Milinovitch asked why buy the fire truck. The community wants ALS/BLS service. So why expanding?

Patti Jent commented that it would bring in funds to pay for ALS/BLS service.

Fire Chief Scott commented that an ambulance was budgeted next year. He also stated that 2 grants had been submitted for ambulances.

Omar commented that even with a CON we would not have enough cash flow for ambulance service.

Rich Milinovitch asked where the money was coming from to pay for the credit if we got the engine.

Omar commented that the money would come from responding to wildfires.

Gene Gibson commented that the \$10,000 a week the engine would make would make the payment but not the upkeep. He said he was looking at a No Cost basis so long as we get called out at least one week a year.

Fire Chief Scott commented that over the last 7 years we have averaged \$53,000 a year. He stated the district would get the benefit of the truck; it could respond faster than our current engine.

Jim stated his big concern is that right now we have a lot going on and he would like to see some things get done.

Kathleen asked if we would retire the Type I engine.

Fire Chief Scott stated we would keep it for now. He also stated the Type 3 engine would not reduce the ISO.

Omar stated he would like for us to have the engine but he thinks other options may be available.

Omar called for a vote. The motion carried 3-1 with Jim voting no.

Kathleen stated the monies would not impact tax revenues.

Rich commented that all he sees is more money and expansion on fires.

5. CALL TO PUBLIC

Emily Hudson Thoms commented that she was in favor of purchasing the truck as it would make it possible for the wildland firefighters to make more income.

Gene Gibson stated the Chief has been good at getting everyone certified.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Terry made a motion to adjourn and Jim seconded it. Omar adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM

Dated this 18th day of October, 2012

Omar Rood, Chairperson

Terry Tompkins, Clerk