

MINUTES, ARIVACA FIRE DISTRICT

December 29, 2014

The Arivaca Fire District Governing Board met Monday, December 29, 2014 at the Arivaca Fire Station, 16091 West Universal Ranch Road, Arivaca, Arizona for a special meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Omar Rood
Kathleen Wishnick
Terry Tompkins
Bill Clauss

Absent: Gene Gibson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

5. BUSINESS

A. Public Discussion/Motion/Action on Scheduling and Coverage Issues

Kathleen stated the meeting was called because we had only had 1 person on duty on one day and she was wondering why this was happening and where all the employees were.

Chief commented that we had 18 people on the roster.

Bill commented that the volunteers don't show up but paid persons do show up.

Chief commented that we have answered 100% of the calls and we have reduced our response time.

Omar made a motion to reinstate paying EMT's and Terry seconded.

Chief commented that it was in the budget.

Kathleen stated we can pay EMT's and we can carry through to June. She asked if EMT's would be paid minimum wage and it would start January 1, 2015. Chief said yes.

Kathleen asked how many EMT's per day and Chief responded one.

Kathleen called for a vote on paying the EMT's minimum wage as of January 1, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Public Discussion/Motion/Action on Pension Program.

Chief talked about the Pension program.

Omar made a motion to adopt the Pension plan and Bill 2nd.

Chief commented that this was Goal 5 on the Strategic Plan.

Chief stated that if we had a Relief and Pension Fund then we would get 2% of the tax on fire insurance premiums. If we don't claim it then it gets divided up by the fire districts that do claim it. He said we had to send a letter to the state and went over the steps necessary to establish the fund.

Omar amended his motion to read to establish a relief and Pension board to take over the SAFFA accounts and Terry seconded. Kathleen called for a motion on the

- amendment and motion carried 4-0.
- C. Public Discussion/Motion/Action on changing the date of the January 15, 2015 meeting to January 22, 2015.
Omar made a motion to move the meeting to January 22, 2015 and Terry seconded.
Board members checked their schedules.
Omar amended his motion to January 29, 2015 and Terry seconded.
Kathleen called for a vote and motion carried. The January meeting will be on the 29th.
- D. Public Discussion/Motion/Action on changing the time of monthly board meeting.
Gene made a motion to discuss and Terry seconded.
Gene stated 7 PM works better. Changing the meeting to an earlier time affects the people that work outside the district and he would be shocked to see if there was a difference in public attendance if we had afternoon meetings.
Omar commented it should stay at 7 PM.
Terry also commented that it would affect people that work outside the district.
Bill stated it should stay at 7 PM.
Kathleen called for a vote on keeping the meeting at 7 PM and motion carried. 4-0.
- E. Public Discussion on Cash Flow
Chief went over the cash flow update.
- F. Report and public discussion from Vehicle Committee.
Gene gave a report from the committee meeting. He stated 15 of our vehicles are over the NAFTA based age and we need to focus on what is broke.
- G. Public Discussion/Motion/Action on CDBG grant.
Chief went over three options for the grant. Omar made a motion to apply for building addition and Terry seconded.
Kathleen called for a vote. Motion carried 4-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

5. ADJOURNMENT

Terry made a motion to adjourn and Omar seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Kathleen adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM

Approved January 29, 2015

Kathleen Wishnick, Chairperson

Terry Tompkins, Clerk