

## PUBLIC MEETING OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Vernon Public Library, Vernon, AZ 85940

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Time: 7:00pm

2. **ROLL CALL:** Mike Maher present, John Vehar present, Steve Miller present via telephone, Sara King present via telephone, Steve Coombs present.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:**

4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Recognized the new board applicants members and thanked the community for coming tonight

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No comments

6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. Chair Summary** –Steve Coombs commented the AFDA conference was good and just to remind all that we have the Audit Review and the Budget planning coming up in the next few months.

**B. Chief's Report – See Attachment**

**C. Financial Report** - November Financial report emailed on December 17 to all Board members for review –December financial report Property Taxes - \$55,129.01 Other Income- \$6852.81 Wildland – Waiting on AZ state for \$120,000.00 for a total income of \$105,055.29. December final balance is \$197,285.90.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. BAI-012919-001** Approval of December 4, 2018 Board Meeting minutes

**D. BAI-012919-002** Motion that the Board has received and reviewed the Financial report for November and December  
Steve Miller moved to accept consent agenda Mike Maher 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: Yes Unanimous

8. **BUSINESS**

**A. BAI-012919-003** - Discussion of the process for the upcoming interviews. Steve Coombs spoke with AFDA members about the best way to proceed with interviews. The process will be: The February meeting will be a regular meeting. After business is done, the Board will adjourn to Executive Session. At this time each of the four applicants will have up to 30 minutes for a presentation and to answer questions addressed by the Board. After the Board resumes regular meeting, a motion to appoint a new Board member will be addressed. The Board members will have a Ballot for voting their choices. If for some reason there is a tie, a second vote will be done, The new Board member will be appointed and Steve Miller will have completed his term. Administration will give the new Board member all the information and paperwork he needs. Oath of office will be done at this meeting. His first official meeting will be the regular meeting in March.

**B. BAI-012919-004** – Discussion and possible action concerning the disposal/sell of the Rehab Truck. Chief explained that the rehab Truck will not longer be needed soon. Timber Mesa has a Rehab for use by us in the case of Fire calls. We have donated some heaters for the vehicle. ?The old rehab truck may have a value of up to \$5000 or we may decide to part the truck out if this will gain us more revenue. John Vehar motioned to give the Chief the authority to dispose of the rehab in the most practical manner. Mike Maher 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: YES Unanimous

**C. BAI-01292019-005** – Discussion and possible action concerning the financial state of VFD with regard to Wild Land Fire. Admin explained that there is a concern about when VFD will be paid for the outstanding bills of approximately \$120,000 owed by the state of AZ. With the shutdown of the Government, we received a letter stating that when they are paid we will be paid. We need to form some kind of strategy. We need a buffer for wild land season to pay the employees for the beginning of this next season. Steve Coombs asked where we are at with the Mitigation Grant. Chief stated that there are a couple of large land portions to clear but also mentioned that the Forestry can do the job for about ½ the cost so they will probably get the assignments. Chief also explained that over the years the wild land season runs in cycles where the bigger fire districts want to cash in but as the years go by and fires decrease they sell off rigs and are not inclined to go out of district which leaves more fires for us. Sara King thanked admin for their concern over this matter. Steve Miller stated that we need to be vigilant to “collections” of the monies owed us.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Steve Coombs mentioned a different format for financial reports so there can be more discussion of the state of our finances during board meetings. He will give admin the new format for the February meeting,

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Steve Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Maher Vote: Yes Unanimous