

# Blue Ridge Fire District

## BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Minutes of Public Meeting held October 7, 2022

1. **MEETING** was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Bourne.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mike Bourne	Present
Alma Seward	Present
Sylvia Meakin	Present
Laurie Hawke	Present
Judy Varns	Present

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Mr. Bourne asked for any issues or changes to the Agenda. There was none.

5. **OLD BUSINESS - NONE.**

6. **NEW BUSINESS -**

b. Chairperson Bourne asked for a Motion to discuss, possible action to approve and sign revised Blue Ridge Fire District Board Resolution 100-2022 pertaining to the May 9, 2022 Board Meeting imploring Chief Paine to rescind or postpone to a later date his resignation.

Ms. Hawke so moved; Ms. Seward seconded. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**

c. Chairperson Bourne asked for a Motion to discuss and possible action to adopt Blue Ridge Fire District Board Resolution 101-2022 pertaining to approving the Blue Ridge Fire District Alternate Pension and Benefit Plan 457(b).

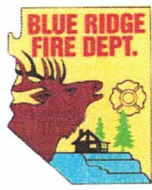
Ms. Hawke so moved; Ms. Varns seconded. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**

a. Chairperson Bourne asked for a Motion to discuss and possible action to approve calling for an election of the Blue Ridge Fire District Alternate (457b) Pension and Benefit Plan.

Ms. Hawke so moved; Ms. Seward seconded. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**



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Discussion followed with Mr. Bourne updating the status of the Alternate Pension and Benefit Plan Board of Trustees. The Board consists of two (2) paid fire fighters, two (2) volunteer fire fighters, one (1) member at large, one (1) Board Member or designee, and one (1) Fire Chief, as ex officio.

This plan was designed for volunteers, and eventually, paid reserves to contribute to the pension plan managed by The Innes Associates, Ltd. Annually the value of the pension is assigned to the contributing members based on percentage of investment. On Monday, October 3, 2022 a meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to discuss the procedure for distribution of funds as per the requests of the contributing fire fighters. There was no quorum as terms of service had expired or members resigned. Our purpose today, as the District Board, is to initiate the election of fire fighters needed to reset the Board of Trustees.

At the present, there's openings for one (1) paid fire fighter, two (2) volunteer fire fighters and one (1) member at large.

The terms are as follows:

Paid fire fighter (Brandon Sewell) 2023

Volunteer fire fighter (Chuck Buddle resigned Dec 2021) 2023

Paid fire fighter (Assist Chief Lashua term expired Dec 2021) 2021 to 2025

Volunteer fire fighter (Linda Hammer as Volunteer Secretary term expired Dec 2021) 2021 to 2025

Appointed Member at Large (Larry Greene term expired Dec 2021) 2021 to 2025

Ms. Meakin asked for the current number of pension plans. Mr. Bourne responded that PSPRS and its 401(a) are for full time employees, the Innes Associates/TD Ameritrade Plan is a 457(b) for Volunteers, Paid Reserves and Fire Chief and the Nationwide Plan is a 457(b) for all employees. It was noted that full time is defined as 212 hours in a 28-day period.

Ms. Hawke suggested that direction be given to Chief Paine to add a footer date of 10.07.2022 to the Alternate (457b) Pension and Benefit Plan to eliminate confusion and ensure all working copies are the same.

### 7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - None

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bourne asked for a Motion to adjourn at 10:25. Ms. Hawke so moved; Ms. Meakin seconded. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**

Respectively submitted October 7, 2022:

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Alma Seward, Clerk of the BRFD Board