BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES of Budget Committee Meeting held February 27, 2024

1. Call to Order

Previous Chairperson Brian Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Brian Alexander	Present
Linda McDermott	Present
Casey Samsill	Present
Judy Varns	Present
Chief Paine	Present
Beth Wise	Present
Laurie Hawke	Absent

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mike Bourne suggests BRFD doesn't increase the tax levy.

5. REVIEW and ADOPTION of the AGENDA

Previous Chairperson Brian Alexander asked for a Motion to accept the Agenda. Ms. McDermott so moved. Ms. Varns seconded the Motion. All voted yes. **The Motion passed.**

6. OLD BUSINESS

 A reminder of the schedule for the Budget process was reviewed: Draft Budget by April 20; post Draft Budget by April 23 for twenty days; public hearing on Draft Budget May 18; approval of Draft Budget May 18; Budget submitted to Coconino County by July 1.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. McDermott moved to elect Brian Alexander as Budget Committee Chairperson. Beth Wise seconded the Motion. All voted yes. **The Motion passed.**
- b. Ms. McDermott moved to elect Laurie Hawke as Budget Committee Clerk. Chief Paine seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

The Motion passed.

- c. Chief Paine presented the first draft of the 2024-2025 Budget.
 - i. Chief Paine presented a historical overview from 2009 to 2023 regarding tax revenues and tax levy rates and how they affect financial condition.
 - ii. Discussion took place regarding the unfunded liability to PSPRS and the Capital Item Schedule for Vehicle Replacement.
 - iii. Chief Paine discussed each Income Line Item: how they were derived and how they can be revised depending upon the decisions of the Budget Committee.
 - iv. Chairperson Alexander suggested that the meeting be recessed until Tuesday, March 5th at 8:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

 Mr. Samsill moved that the meeting be recessed at 12:00. Ms. McDermott seconded the Motion. All voted yes.
The Motion passed.

Respectively submitted:

Beth Wise