

VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 27, 2016

1. Call to order at 1900
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call – Sara King present, Steve Miller Present, Tony Anderson present, Steve Coombs present, Jodie Humphrey present.
5. Chair Summary – Tony Anderson read Proverbs 3: 5-7 for the Board.
6. Consent agenda
 - A. November 22, 2016 meeting minutes were approved – Jodie Humphrey motioned to approve meeting minutes as written. Tony Anderson 2nd. Vote: Jodie Humphrey Aye- Sara King – Aye- Tony Anderson – Aye Steve Coombs- Aye Steve Miller – Aye, approved.
7. REPORTS
 - a. Chief's Report – (posted on website)
 - b. Financial Report – The November monthly financial report was reviewed by Board, we received \$87,260.86 in property tax payments, \$2,511.03 in other revenue. WE had \$74,262.16 in wildland billing. We ended the month of November with \$227,590.46.
8. BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action:** Tony Anderson announced the new Board members to community.

 - B. Discussion and Possible Action:** Resolution 2016-004 for adding and deleting names from bank accounts. Barbra explained that the County and the National Bank needs a resolution to add or remove names from accounts. Steve Coombs motioned to approve the resolution as written. Jodie Humphrey 2nd. Vote: unanimous pass

 - C. Discussion and Possible Action:** Resolution 2016-005 to allow new Board members to attend the AFDA conference for required education. Steve Miller had a problem with the verbiage and wanted the resolution to state ANY rather than new. Steve Coombs motioned to accept the resolution with the exception of changing the word new to ANY so all board members can go to the conference. Steve Miller 2nd. The change was made in the resolution before the vote. Vote: Jodie Humphrey Yes, Sara King yes, Steve Coombs, Yes, Steve Miller yes, Tony Anderson NO. Resolution passed.

 - D. Discussion and Possible Action:** There are now two companies offering workers compensation in the State of Arizona our current company Copperpoint represented by Guy McTheny from Hill and Usher and Benchmark 7710 represented by Bill Adison from Benchmark. Benchmark was on the phone and Copper point was here in

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person. There was discussion about the volunteer status and many comments and questions about whether they could be considered on our workman's Comp policy. The Statute AZ 23-901 was read and still both parties disagreed to covering the auxiliary group. The auxiliary group does not want workman's comp since they are on our Liability Insurance under the umbrella section. Steve Miller was not comfortable with the answers he received and wants a legal opinion. It was pointed out that we will lose our insurance policy on December 31, 2016. Even with excluding the Auxiliary group the Board could not come to a decision. Jodie Humphrey motioned to go with Copper point for the next year. Tony Anderson 2nd the motion. Vote: Sara King, No, Steve Miller No, Steve Coombs no, Tony Anderson Yes, Jodie Humphrey Yes. The motion did not pass.

E. Information on Policy manual. Barbra explained the work to go over the policy manual since it needs to be updated. All Board members have the old and new policy manual for review. Steve Coombs suggested that the Board take a section at a time and review that section until all sections are finished in about 3-4 months.

F. Discussion and Possible Action: New Command vehicle. Chief and Scott Wright presented documentation for all the vehicles in the fleet. The command vehicle is the next to be replaced. Steve Miller asked many questions and asked about replacement of Engine, Transmission, drive line and all came to about \$7500-10,000 to repair rather than replace. Jodie Humphrey explained that the Chief had deleted and sold several items from the fleet that were no longer of use and that this would pay for new vehicle. Jodie Humphrey motioned to accept the bid as written for a F150 truck for the amount of \$32,195.21 with additional money to make it serviceable. Discussion – Steve Miller appreciated the research the staff did but felt that due to our financial dilemma we should wait until the Budget discussions in the next six months. Vote: Steve Miller NO, Sara King No, Steve Coombs No, Tony Anderson Yes, Jodie Humphrey Yes. Not passed.

G. Election of Chair and Clerk – Tony Anderson nominated Steve Coombs for Chair, Jodie Humphrey 2nd. Vote: Unanimous Yes. Tony Anderson nominated Jodie Humphrey as Clerk and Steve Miller nominated Sara King also. Vote: Jodie Humphrey voted for herself, Tony Anderson voted for Jodie Humphrey. Steve Miller Steve Coombs and Sara King voted for Sara King. Sara King is now the Clerk.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC –

Bill Miketta read a letter expounding how well the current Chief had done since he started working here and how we are solvent financially and asked the new Board to continue in the same vein.

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Jodie Humphrey as a citizen wanted to know how Mr. Coombs had already made up an agenda on items in the meeting that were not supposed to be discussed before the meeting. Chairman Coombs explained that board members are prohibited from answering questions at the Call to the Public. Chairman Coombs then stepped away from his Chair position and gave his personal 3-minute response.

Nick Swiensi – Wanted to know why Steve Coombs had not answered the questions brought before him. The agenda was already printed up and ready to go Why? “Chairman Coombs said he had already given his response and could not respond further.”

Judy Wooder – had questions about the role of the Auxiliary group. She said they do not want to be told what to do.

10. NEW AGENDA ITEMS – The new Chair Steve Coombs presented a Special Meeting Agenda dated the 29th of December with many items including the Insurance Workman’s Comp to be discussed for a final decision so our insurance will not lapse. Jodie Humphrey asked that they only use the special meeting for the Insurance issue and not all the proposed resolutions amounting to 12 items in total. Chair Coombs had already made the agenda and stated that these items should have been on the December agenda so he was not going to change them. The Special meeting is set for December 29th at the Fire Station at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT – Steve Miller motioned to adjourn. Sara King seconded. Vote: Unanimous –
Steve Coombs Accepted at 2131