

BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016
BLUE RIDGE FIRE STATION

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Eng.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: Richard Eng, Alma Seward; Jerry Smith, Nick Gemrose, Monty Blosser.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Eng led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Moved by Monty Blosser, seconded by Jerry Smith, to adopt agenda. **Motion passes: 5-0.**
5. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Moved by Jerry Smith, seconded by Monty Blosser, to approve minutes of the regular monthly public Board meeting held on April 21, 2016. **Motion passes: 5-0.**
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - A. **Reminder of candidate filing dates beginning July 11, 2016.**
 - B. **Chaplain Ramon Daniel stepping down from the BRFD Chaplaincy:** Alma Seward offered comments of appreciation on behalf of the Board for Dr. Daniel's years of dedication and service to the Department, and Jerry Smith also offered comments of appreciation. Dr. Daniel will be formally recognized at the Annual Awards Dinner.
7. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - A. **Fire Board Chairman's Report:** Chairman Eng noted his upcoming surgery and the possibility of his absence from future meetings; he requested support—and received assurances of same—from fellow Board Members to maintain our progress in his absence on the items identified as priorities for the District.
 - B. **Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Banning presented his report for April/May (4-22-2016 to 5-21-2016), copy attached for the record.
 - C. **Committee or Other Reports:** Covered under Old Business and New Business items.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Linda Hammer, Starlight Pines resident, offered comments on the proposed 2016-2017 budget approved at the previous meeting, and asked a question about the terminology of reserve accounts. Henry Spackman, CCP 8&9 resident, offered a comment on the pending issue of the inter-agency agreement with Guardian EMS dispatch services.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Update on replacement of 2 cardiac monitors:** Chief Banning reported that the 2 monitors have been ordered and will arrive in July or August. Chief Banning was able to negotiate a price of \$64,599, which is a \$7,400 savings over the budgeted amount of \$72,000, due in part to a \$10,000 allowance for the old monitors.
 - B. **Second reading of tentative approved FY 2016-2017 budget and possible approval of any amendments:** No amendments were offered. Chairman Eng commented on Item 6102 (PSPRS contributions for BRFD staff), re-emphasizing the need for these staff benefits.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Financial Report for April 2016 – Review and Action required:** Jerry Smith read the Treasurer’s report for period ending 4-30-16 as presented. **Moved** by Jerry Smith, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to accept the Financial Report as read. **Motion passes: 5-0**
- B. Discussion and possible action to adopt the FY 2016-2017 operating budget, and, per statutory requirement, the projected budgets for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019:** After discussion, it was **moved** by Alma Seward, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to adopt the FY 2016-2017 operating budget. **Motion passes: 5-0.**
Moved by Jerry Smith, seconded by Monty Blosser, to adopt the projected budgets for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019. **Motion passes: 5-0.**
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve an inter-agency agreement for dispatch services with Guardian EMS, to become effective on or after July 1, 2016:** Chief Banning reported that negotiations are still underway with Guardian EMS and that he will report back at the June Board meeting. **Moved** by Jerry Smith, seconded by Monty Blosser, to table Board action until the June meeting. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

- 11. ADJOURNMENT: Moved** by Alma Seward, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to adjourn. **Motion passes: 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.