

Blue Ridge Fire District

Blue Ridge Fire District Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2023

Minutes

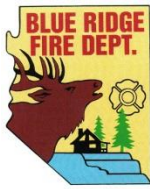
The meeting will be recorded.

1. Called to Order 10:00 AM by Chair Mike Bourne
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
 - a. Brian Alexander, Mike Bourne, Laurie Hawke, Linda McDermott, Casey Samsill
 - b.
4. Call to the Public: No public comments

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: ARS 38-431.01 (H)

A public body may make an open call to the public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

5. Review and Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Brian moved and Casey 2nd the motion to adopt the agenda.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
6. Review and Adoption of Minutes to April 15, 2023 Meeting
 - a. Linda moved and Brian 2nd the motion to adopt the minutes from the April 15, 2023 meeting.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
7. Announcements
 - a. Clerk will be running the next meeting due to Board members' travel
8. Reports and Correspondence
 - a. Chairperson's Report
Pancake Breakfast went very well, pancakes were excellent.
 - b. Chief's Report
 - i. Personnel: 6 Fulltime, 2 Part-time, 14 paid Reserve and 14 Volunteer
 - ii. Apparatus Report: Annual ADOT inspections are underway
All are in Service
 - iii. Incident Report
 1. 3 EMS, 0 Fire, 3 MVC, and 2 service calls



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- c. Training Report
 - i. 307 hours of driver training in April
 - ii. BRFD now has 5 certified VFIS Driver Training Instructors on staff
 - iii. Wildland recertifications and pack tests are ongoing
- d. Updates and Announcements
 - i. 1st Annual “Welcome Back to the Mountain” Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Over \$2000.00 in donations raised for the Chester family.
 - ii. Home Ignition Zone Class has been scheduled for May 20, 2023 at the BRFD Station 8AM- 3:30 PM (limited to 20 individuals)
 - iii. 2023-2024 Camp Colley Agreement submitted to the City of Phoenix for renewal (\$12,561.75)
 - iv. ARPA reimbursement forms are out and will be submitted for FY 2021-2022 (\$11,051.00)
 - v. 2023 Ambulance Rate Increase approved by AZDHS.
 - 1. Chief Paine answered questions from the Board

- 9. Review and Adoption of the April 2023 Financial Report
Casey moved and Linda 2nd the motion to adopt the April 2023 Financial Report
Motion passed unanimously

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on the 2023-2024 Draft Budget
Discussion
Casey moved and Linda 2nd the motion to adopt the 2023-24 Draft Budget which includes an 8% tax increase.
Motion passed unanimously

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to move \$500,000 from the Operations Account back into the Reserve Account
Discussion clarifying movement of funds
Linda moved and Brian 2nd the motion to move \$500,000 from the Operations Account back into the Reserve Account
Motion passed unanimously
- b. Discussion and possible action to order a Dodge Ram 2500 pickup truck to replace Command 1.
Discussion: Diesel crew cab, long bed, Budgeted for last year
6-8 months from order date to delivery expected.



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Brian moved and Casey 2nd the motion to purchase Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup to replace Command 1

Motion passed unanimously

- c. Discussion and possible action to make a \$100,000 payment from the Reserve Account toward the PSPRS Liability if and when funding is available.

Discussion: This is in addition to payment planned in 2023-24 budget. This payment is based on IF any money left over in 2022-23 Budget

Laurie Hawke moved and Brian Alexander 2nd the motion to authorize the district to pay up to \$100,000, IF and when any money left over in 2022-23 year's budget from the Reserve Account toward the PSPRS Liability.

Motion passed unanimously

12. Adjournment

Brian moved and Linda 2nd the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 Am

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Hawke,
Clerk of the Board