

# BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## PUBLIC MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

BLUE RIDGE FIRE STATION

## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Richard Eng.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: Richard Eng, Alma Seward, Jerry Smith, Nick Gemrose
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Eng led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Moved by Alma Seward, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to adopt agenda as presented. **Motion passes: 4-0.**
5. **VOTE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)1, for the sole purpose of discussion of personnel matters:** Moved by Richard Eng, seconded by Jerry Smith, to move into Executive Session. **Motion passes: 4-0.**

**Board enters Executive Session at 3:03 p.m. Executive session adjourns at 3:45 p.m.**

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**Board reconvenes in Public Session at 4:00 p.m.**

6. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Moved by Jerry Smith, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to approve minutes of the following meetings as submitted. **Motion passes: 4-0.**
  - A. Regular monthly meeting April 18, 2015
  - B. Executive session April 18, 2015
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chief Banning announced that the AFDA 2015 Summer Conference will be held in Tucson June 25-27.
8. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - A. **Fire Board Chairman's Report:** None.
  - B. **Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Banning presented the report for April/May (4-19-2015 to 5-16-2015), copy attached for the record.
  - C. **Committee or Other Reports:** None.
9. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No requests to speak.
10. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Financial Report for April 2015 – Review and Action required:** Jerry Smith read the report for period ending 4-30-15 as presented. Moved by Jerry Smith, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to accept the Financial Report as read. **Motion passes: 4-0.**
  - B. **Discussion/Action on new Board candidate:** Moved by Jerry Smith, seconded by Nick Gemrose, to accept Monty Blosser as new Board member to fill existing vacancy. **Motion passes: 4-0.**
  - C. **Oath of Office for new Board member:** Monty Blosser took the oath of office for BRFD Board of Directors; notarized by Cindy Pirelli.
  - D. **Discussion and possible action of voting on new Treasurer:** After board discussion and in consideration of new statutory regulations, it was agreed that the Treasurer position is no longer required.

**E. Review, discussion and possible action on 2015-2016 budget:** Chief Banning presented the proposed budget document to the Board and the audience in the form of a detailed PowerPoint display, and requested Board approval as a Tentative District Budget for submittal to the County. The Board examined the document line by line; Chief Banning, Finance Officer Cindy Pirelli, and members of the Budget Committee answered questions and explained the Budget Committee's goals in developing this year's budget. The Budget Committee had developed two scenarios: the first one maintaining the current \$1.96 mil rate; the second one raising the mil rate to \$2.11 for 2015-2016. Comments from the public were also solicited. Upon detailed comparison of the two scenarios, it was obvious that the higher mil rate was the only realistic approach to next fiscal year's increased costs.

After lengthy discussion, it was therefore **moved** by Richard Eng, seconded by Nick Gemrose to set the mil rate at \$2.11 for FY 2015-2016. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

It was then **moved** by Alma Seward, seconded by Monty Blosser, to accept the 5/15/15 budget document as the Tentative 2015-2016 District Budget for submittal to the County, incorporating the new mil rate of \$2.11. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**F. New BRFD policies for review and approval:** After review of the policies presented by Chief Banning (attached hereto for reference), it was **moved** by Alma Seward, seconded by Richard Eng, to adopt Policies B201 and H401 as presented by the Chief. **Motion passes: 5-0.**

**G. Discussion and possible action on next steps for PSPRS implementation; pay Actuarial Study fee, etc.:** Discussion and action to be postponed until the June 20 regular meeting.

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS OR EVENTS:**

**A.** The next regular public meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** **Moved** by Jerry Smith, seconded by Alma Seward, to adjourn. **Motion passes: 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.