



BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2019-2020 BUDGET HELD AT THE BLUE RIDGE FIRE STATION SATURDAY JULY 27TH, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM by Chairman Shannon Scott.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chairman Scott led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Board Members present were Judy Varns, Shannon Scott, Cindy Perelli and Jack Beale. Larry Lambert was absent.

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Scott asked if there was anyone who wished to speak. There was no one signed up.

FFC Brandon Sewell was recognized. Mr. Sewell suggested that the Call to the Public be moved to the end of the Hearing so questions could be asked on the content discussed. Chairman Scott said that the Board would allow any questions to be answered as they came up during the presentation.

Chief Paine read and explained each Budget item from the overhead display. He also defined the Fiscal Year dates as being July 1st through June 30th.

- Mr. Scott asked about our request for a ambulance rate increase and wanted to know the status? Chief Paine said this would be finalized this coming week.
- Mr. Don Witter of Starlight Pines and a BRFD Volunteer asked if the Department was sending delinquent insurance billing to a collection agency? Chief Paine said yes this was being done.
- FF Billy Chester asked where on the Budget was apparatus purchased covered? Chief Paine explained that funds were set aside in one of the Districts Accounts strictly for this type of purchase. An example was given of the recent ambulance purchase by the District.

There were no other questions and no further business by the Board

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget was adjourned at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted: July 29, 2019

Cynthia Perelli
Cynthia Perelli, Clerk of the BRFD Board

Minutes Approved: _____

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