

BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE BLUE RIDGE FIRE STATION SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by Chairman Pete Fenton.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chairman Fenton led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Board Members present were Judy Varns, Pete Fenton, Shannon Scott, Cindy Perelli and Jack Beale.
4. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda. Ms. Perelli made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented and Ms. Varns seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Fenton asked for a vote. Ms. Varns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Fenton, Ms. Perelli and Mr. Beale voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No members of the Public had signed up to speak. However, a comment was made from the audience that stated that they would like to speak, but only after hearing the Board's comments about the items on the Agenda.

After some discussion all Board members verbally agreed that the Agenda should be amended and Call to the Public should be moved to the end of the Agenda. Mr. Fenton made a motion to Amend the Agenda and move the Call to the Public to the end of the Agenda to allow for more informed public comments and Mr. Scott seconded the motion. Ms. Varns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Fenton, Ms. Perelli and Mr. Beale voted in favor of the motion. The Agenda was amended by unanimous vote of the Board.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion and possible action to vote to (create) accept a Boundary Change Impact Statement for inclusion of Clear Creek Pines Units 3 & 7 in the Blue Ridge Fire District.

Mr. Scott made a motion to accept an Impact Statement from CCP 3&7 for propose inclusion of this subdivision in to the Blue Ridge Fire District. Mr. Beal seconded the motion.

As there were many property owners from CCP 3&7 present, the Board requested that comments be held to the Call to the Public portion of the Agenda.

Mr. Fenton read the Impact Statement as written, section by section, allowing comments and suggested changes from Board Members and Chief Paine on each section. Many items were identified for change. Clerk Perelli will get and updated and edited version of the Statement to each Board Member for review as soon as possible.

There was no further discussion and Mr. Fenton asked for a vote. Ms. Varns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Fenton, Ms. Perelli and Mr. Beale all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The Board Meeting was recessed at 10:40AM to allow for break

The Board Meeting was reconvened at 10:50 AM

- b. Discussion and possible action to set a date “at least 20 days and not more than 30 days” from the date of this Meeting for a Public Hearing on the Boundary Change Impact Statement.
Mr. Fenton asked for a motion on this matter. Mr. Scott made a motion to set a date for a Public Hearing on the Impact Statement for propose inclusion of CCP 3&7 in to the Blue Ridge Fire District. After some discussion is was decided to hold the Public Hearing on Saturday, February 16th , 2019 at 9AM. There was no further discussion and Mr. Fenton asked Mr. Scott to amend his motion. Mr. Scott amended his motion to establish the Public Hearing on Saturday February 16th at 9AM and move the Budget Committee Meeting to Friday at 10AM. Mr. Beale seconded the motion. Mr. Fenton asked for a vote. Ms. Varns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Fenton, Ms. Perelli and Mr. Beale voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

PLEASE NOTE: As a result of scheduling the Public, Hearing the Budget Committee Meeting, original scheduled for February 16th was moved to Friday, February 15th at 10AM.

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** This item was moved to the end of the Agenda by vote of the Board.
Chairman Fenton asked if members of the public wished to speak on item b. above.

There was a request from the audience for the Board Members to introduce themselves and identify where they live.

The following property owners of 3&7 made comments as follows:

Bob Nelson of CCP 3&7 - Mr. Nelson stated that they needed a full-time station that are there all the time. All the residence are willing to help and (..... some comments were inaudible.....)Ms. Perelli asked Mr. Nelson about the storage tank currently in 3&7 and Mr. Beale asked about location of the tanks.

Leslie Hanson of CCP3&7 – A long time resident since 1958. They though that Happy Jack was a stop gap effort and they asked 3&7 to join them. She was confused about the use of the work “community”. She suggested the use of “community” should be everyone that lives with in the area.

Joyce Black of CCP 3&7 – Ms. Black stated that she has been a resident since 2008, and commented that they need your service because we are not getting any younger. (further comments were inaudible).

Diane Watts of CCP 3&7 – Ms. Watts has owned here property for ten years. She commented on the need for proper verbiage in our document and that it conform to the A.R.S. statue. She requested that they be given more than 24-hour notice of meetings. She said the we should clarify who should respond first - Blue Ridge Fire or Happy Jack Fire? She suggested leaving the word “commercial” in the language of the document pertaining to insurance. No out of pocket cost; explain this. Section E; future fire station - will everyone have to share this cost? clarify this. She commented on staffing – will there be enough staff when you add 195 property to the

District? Requested that we Identify financial amount of additional income as how it is received (annually, quarterly, monthly).

Ken Ingrahm – Stated that he was second generation resident. He thanked us for our time and consideration and that he full embraced coming into the district.

Steve Fronstin of CCP 3&7 – He stated that he was a sixteen-year resident. He appreciated what we were doing and said that “3&7 had a better water supply than 8&9 and that they (3&7) did the best with what they had”. He also said that we may even get more people to volunteer. As far as adding 195 more properties to the District, that first responders are always over worked. He thanked Olivia and said how much he appreciated the effort she has put into this.

Ms. Hanson of CCP 3&7 – (There were some comments that were inaudible). She stated that she felt that 3&7 needed to do this and that they needed protection. The Tinder Fire was an awakening when they were all asked to leave their homes showed how susceptible they are. We have people that are willing to help.

Olivia Leon of CCP 3&7 – asked that we include the District web site in our communications with residents.

8. AGENDA ITEMS OR NEXT BOARD MEETING

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Blue Ridge Fire District Board was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Date: 2/1/2019

Cynthia A Perelli
Cynthia Perelli, Clerk of the BRFD Board

Minutes Approved: _____

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