

# Blue Ridge Fire District

## Blue Ridge Fire District Board of Directors Meeting

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October 21, 2023

5023 Enchanted Lane

Happy Jack, Arizona 86024

### Minutes

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chair Mike Bourne
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
  - a. Brian Alexander, Mike Bourne, Laurie Hawke, Linda McDermott. Absent Casey Samsill

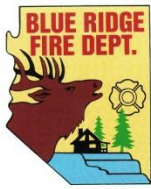
4. Call to the Public

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 Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> adoption of the agenda
  - b. Motion passed unanimously
6. Review and Adoption of Minutes to September 16, 2023 Meeting
  - a. Brian Moved and Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> adoption of the Minutes to September 16, 2023 Meeting
  - b. Motion passed unanimously
7. Announcements

Next Board meeting November 18, 2023  
Water District Celebration today @ 2:30. Locally owned water utility.
8. Reports and Correspondence
  - a. Chairperson's Report
    - i. Alternative 457b meeting October 16, report is under Old Business.
    - ii. PSPRS meeting this morning
    - iii. Special Districts: There is support in Congress to recognize Special Districts (County entities not aligned with a town/city) and this recognition would allow for funding. Coalition of counties in Arizona to increase our voices.
    - iv. Monique Coady, new attorney for us.
  - b. Chief's Report:
    - i. Personnel: 6 full-time, 2 part-time, 14 paid reserve, and 16 volunteers



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- ii. Medic 1 out of service, ETA next week, all other apparatus are in service Expected delivery of new engine is January, 2024
- iii. Incident Report: 15 EMS, 2 Fire, 2 MVC, and 14 service calls
- iv. Training: 428 hours of training in September including pre-connect hose deployment, flow test and water supply in Mogollon Ranch, RAMP triage, difficulty breathing protocol, and BLUE CARD incident command. Five BRFD members attended classes at Arizona State Fire School such as fire inspector 1, pump theory, extrication and smoke plus.
- v. Updates and Announcements
  - 1. New AFG grant awarded to BRFD for firefighter cancer screening \$49,334 (in addition to last year's AFG grant 1 for firefighter screening \$56,116)
  - 2. ARPA funding received for both 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 in the amount of \$56,407.
  - 3. 5 new Fire Suppression Agreements \$4,064.49
  - 4. Thompson Ridge Fire billing received \$17,838.53
  - 5. Kane Fire billing received \$8,286.74
  - 6. AZ Community Foundation Grant received for AZ State Fire School \$1000
  - 7. 18 Elliptical machines donated to: Central AZ Fire and Medical (11), Kearney Fire and Ambulance (2), Picture Rocks Fire (2), Hellsgate Fire (2), and Blue Ridge Ranger District (1).
  - 8. Saunders Audit completed October 12-13.
  - 9. Public Safety Integration Training @ Pine Elementary March 2024

## c. Review and Adoption of the Consent Agenda

- i. Updated Financial Reports for 2023-24 Fiscal Year (July, August)
- ii. September Financial Report
- iii. Discussion

Brian Moved and Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to adopt the September Financial Report

Motion passed unanimously

Linda Moved and Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to adopt the updated July and August Financial Reports

Motion passed unanimously

## 10. OLD BUSINESS—

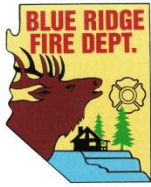
- a. Update, discussion and possible action on the Alternate 457b Pension Plan (Innes)

- i. Chair Mike Bourne presented results from the 457b meeting and explained confusion issues with the current plan. Focus: How to terminate the plan without current enrollees losing funds or State Fire Marshall money. Possible options presented.

County attorney opinion has been requested.

All participants need to be taken care of.

The Trustee Board is the decision maker.



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ii. Discussion

iii. No action taken, information only

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

None

## 12. Adjournment

Linda Moved, and Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 by Chair Mike Bourne

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Hawke,  
Clerk of the Board

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