

Blue Ridge Fire District

Minutes of Public Meeting held January 21, 2023

- 1. **Meeting** was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairperson Bourne
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Oath of Office was taken by Board Member Brian Alexander
- 4. Roll Call of Board Members

Mike Bourne, Chairperson—Present Laurie Hawke—Present

Brian Alexander--Present

Linda McDermott--Present

Casey Samsill—Present

- 5. Call to the Public No Public responded
- 6. Review and Adoption of the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were suggested

Laurie Hawke moved and Linda McDermott seconded the adoption of the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Review and Adoption of the December 2022 Financial Report

Board Member Linda McDermott noticed a revision was needed to the initial Financial Report. Board members received a revised copy of the Financial Report.

A short discussion followed.

Laurie Hawke moved to adopt the December 2022 Financial Report and Brian Alexander seconded the motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

- 8. **Announcements** None
- 9. **Reports and Correspondence**
 - a. Chairperson's Report
 - i. Election processes are successfully completed
 - ii. The Fire District is receiving positive feedback from the community
 - b. Chief's Report Chief Phil Paine
 - i. Personnel: 15 volunteers, 15 paid reserve, 6 full time, and 2 part-time
 - ii. Apparatus Report: All in service; radio in M1 is now working
 - iii. Incident Report: 21 total: 5 EMS; 0 Fire; 5 MVC; 8 Service calls
 - iv. Training Report: 249 hours completed, including winter weather driving and additional training for ground ladders, ropes, knots, CPR refresher, behavioral emergencies and mass casualty incidents.
 - v. Updates: New Board Members completed all statutory training at the Arizona Fire District Association Conference in January.
 - vi. Short discussion regarding Strategic Planning
- 10. Old Business—None
- 11. New Business
 - a. The following items from the December 17th Public Meeting were ratified as follows:
 - i. Review and Adoption of the November Financial Report
 - 1. Casey Samsill moved to ratify the adoption of the November Financial Report, and Linda McDermott seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - ii. Approval of the Quorum Notification for 2023



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- 1. Laurie Hawke moved to ratify the adoption of the Approval of the Quorum Notification for 2023, and Brian Alexander seconded the motion.
- 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- iii. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2022 Public Meeting
 - 1. Brian Alexander moved to ratify the Approval of the Minutes of the November 2022 Public Meeting, and Laurie Hawke seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- iv. Approval of the Canvass of the November Election
 - 1. Laurie Hawke moved to ratify the Approval of the Canvass of the November Election, and Brian Alexander seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- v. Oath of Office for New Board Members
 - 1. Laurie Hawke moved to ratify the Oath of Office for New Board Members, and Casey Samsill seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- vi. Confirmation of registration for the AFDA Conference in Laughlin in January, 2023
 - 1. Linda McDermott moved to ratify the confirmation of registration for the AFDA Conference in Laughlin in January, 2023, and Casey Samsill seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- vii. Approval of Policy Revisions
 - 1. Laurie Hawke moved to ratify the Approval of Policy Revisions, and Brian Alexander seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- viii. Approval of requested transfers from 457b TD Ameritrade to 457b Nationwide Trust Company for Brandon Sewell and Dustin Chambliss
 - 1. Laurie Hawke moved to ratify the Approval of requested transfers from 457b TD Ameritrade to 457b Nationwide Trust Company for Brandon Sewell and Dustin Chambliss, Brian Alexander seconded the motion.
 - 2. Motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Election of Board of Directors Chairperson and Clerk
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Casey Samsill nominated Mike Bourne for Chairperson, and Brian Alexander seconded the nomination.
 - 1. Brian Alexander, Laurie Hawke, Linda McDermott and Casey Samsill voted aye; Mike Bourne abstained. Mike Bourne was elected as Chairperson for the Board.
 - iii. Linda McDermott nominated Laurie Hawke for Clerk of the Board, and Mike Bourne seconded the nomination. Brian Alexander, Mike Bourne, Linda McDermott, and Casey Samsill voted aye; Laurie Hawke abstained. Laurie Hawke was elected as Clerk for the Board.
- c. Create Monthly Schedule for Board of Directors Meetings for 2023
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Laurie Hawke moved that the regularly scheduled Public Meetings be on the 3rd Saturday of each month, Casey Samsill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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- d. Discussion and possible action to approve requested transfers from the Alternate Pension and Benefit Plan known as the 457b TD Ameritrade account.
 - i. Chairperson Mike Bourne explained this agenda item for the new Board Members.
 - ii. No transfers were requested; No action was taken.

12. Adjournment

Brian Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting, and Linda McDermott seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am

Respectfully submitted January 21, 2023

Laurie M. Hawke, Clerk of the BRFD Board