



Blue Ridge Fire District

Blue Ridge Fire District Board of Directors Meeting

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September 16, 2023
5023 Enchanted Lane
Happy Jack, Arizona 86024

Minutes

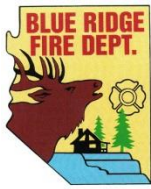
1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by Chair Mike Bourne
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
 - a. Brian Alexander, Mike Bourne, Laurie Hawke, Linda McDermott, Casey Samsill

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.

- A. Beth Wise thanked the Board for all their work and wished Board Member Laurie Hawke Happy Birthday.
5. Review and Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Brian Moved and Linda 2nd adoption of the agenda
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
 6. Review and Adoption of Minutes to August 19 2023 Meeting
 - a. Linda Moved and Brian 2nd adoption of the Minutes to August 19 2023 Meeting
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
 7. Announcements
 - a. Chair Mike Bourne reported that the sale of the Water District closed this week and is now the Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District.
 - b. Happy Jack Fire Department dissolution
 - i. Blue Ridge Community Support Team will put on a luncheon for all who RSVP to Scott Gagnon (602-363-5780 or sgagno1952@gmail.com) Sept 23 1:00PM to bring all interested parties together at the HJ Firehouse to let folks know of their options after the dissolution of HJFD. BRFD Board is invited to attend. (1&2, the Lodge, 3&7, and 4,5 &6)
Discussion
 - c. Auxiliary Mini Overstock Sale September 30, 2023 9AM-Noon at the Shed behind the Firehouse.



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8. Reports and Correspondence

a. Chairperson's Report

- i. Federal Special Districts: Steering Committee formed at the first meeting with Cole Kerr, Director of the National Special Districts Coalition, and applications for grants and funding will be completed in the near future.

1. Discussion

b. Chief's Report:

- i. Personnel: 6 full-time, 2 part-time, 14 paid reserve, and 16 volunteers
- ii. Medic 1 out of service, all other apparatus are in service
- iii. Incident Report: 16 EMS, 2 Fire, 4 MVC, and 9 service calls
- iv. Training: 214.5 hours of training including: Fire attack, public safety integration/active shooter training in Winslow, water supply at Camp Colley, stair chair and gurney operations, and EMS hazardous response.
- v. Updates and Announcements
 1. ARPA funding applications for both 2021-22 and 2022-23 have been completed with maximum potential funding of \$56,407 possible.
 2. Cottonwood Ridge Fire billing received for \$9,776.85
 3. Kane Fire billing submitted for \$8,286.74
 4. Fitness equipment received from Planet Fitness through a non-profit foundation.
 5. MSA gas monitor awarded through ADEQ Emergency Response grant of \$2,885.25
 6. Saunders Audit has been scheduled for October 12-13, 2023.
 7. Public Safety Integration Training is scheduled at Pine Elementary School in March 2024
 8. The Labor Day Auxiliary Sale made \$15,000.
 9. The Cancer Screening funded by last year's Grant was thorough and professional for individuals over 40 years of age. Next year's Grant will cover individuals under 40, an age grouping where many early cancers are being identified and treated.

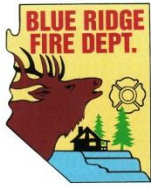
Discussion regarding all items.

9. Review and Adoption of the August Financial Report

- a. Brian Alexander summarized the Financial Report for August.
- b. Laurie Moved and Casey 2nd adoption of the August 2023 Financial Report
- c. Motion passed unanimously

10. OLD BUSINESS—

- a. Update on IME Dr. for medical retirement case.
Chair Mike Bourne presented that the Dr. originally selected has retired and the State of Washington has approved video examinations, so many Drs. are retiring due to disagreement with the policy.



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Chief Buddle is looking for a new Dr to replace the original Dr. and is having difficulty. No action so far
Discussion regarding options.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on Medic 1 mechanical issues
Chief summarized the issues and estimate for Medic 1 repairs.
(\$9,455.58)
Also, recommend repairing Medic 1 to have an additional ambulance on duty for next summer's wildland fire season.
86K miles on Medic 1
\$215 to replace Medic 1, and 2 year minimum to build
Discussion regarding need to replace the turbocharger, if it passes inspection. The turbocharger has been replaced before.
Casey Moved and Linda 2nd a motion to repair Medic 1, Using Mid-State Diesel, LLC, to include replacing the turbocharger.
Motion passed: Casey, Linda, Mike, and Laurie voted Aye, Brian voted Nay
- b. Feedback from the Alternative 457b meeting held on September 11 2023
Chair Mike Bourne provided an update:
\$323K in the account
Bill Unhock analyzed the account
Some folks were overpaid for their withdrawals and repayment is being sought.
There are accounting concerns with Innes and Associates
There are 2 pension boards for BRFD, and they should be recognized for all the work they put in to manage the plans.

12. Adjournment

Casey Moved, and Brian 2nd a motion to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:06 by Chair Mike Bourne

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Hawke,
Clerk of the Board