



Blue Ridge Fire District

Blue Ridge Fire District Budget Public Hearing

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5023 Enchanted Lane Happy Jack, Arizona 86024

Friday, May 16, 2025

9:00 AM

Minutes

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Mike Bourne
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Committee Members Mike Bourne, Laurie Hawke, Linda McDermott, and Casey Samsill, Brian Alexander by telephone
4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Casey Moved and Linda 2nd motion to adopt the agenda
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
5. Presentation of the Tentative BRFD 2025-2026 Tentative Budget
 - a. Linda McDermott presented the Tentative budget for 2025-2026
 - i. No tax increase for the 2025-2026
 - ii. PSPRS is fully funded
 - iii. Fire Chief and Battalion Chief are full-time

6. 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.

Appreciation expressed to the Board and District for hard work.

Chair Mike Bourne has received comments and questions from community members in private conversations, positive as well as negative, including requests to reduce taxes.

Were there things the budget couldn't cover? Yes, the District is understaffed, apparatus are aging, although well taken care of. On the other hand this Board has been able to pay off a significant PSPRS liability.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025-2026 Tentative BRFD Budget
 - a. Casey moved and Laurie 2nd motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget
 - b. Motion passed unaimously
8. Adjournment
 - a. Linda Moved and Laurie 2nd motion to adjourn
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 am

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Hawke, Clerk