

Blue Ridge Fire District

MINUTES of Public Meeting held July 18, 2022

1. **MEETING** was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Bourne.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mike Bourne	Present
Alma Seward	Present
Sylvia Meakin	Present
Laurie Hawke	Present
Judy Varns	Present by phone

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Bourne asked for a motion to review and adopt the Agenda. Agenda is modified to delete "Special" and add "Public," as well as adding Call to the Public. Ms. Hawke made the motion; Ms. Seward seconded. All voted yes.

The Motion passed.

5. **ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Bourne asked for a motion to review and adopt the June Financial Report. Ms. Meakin made the motion; Ms. Seward seconded. All voted yes.

The Motion passed.

6. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Richard Eng expressed concern using tax payer funds for out of -District fires. Suppression Agreements need to be reviewed legally as to liability. Also, existing policy #A201 needs to be reviewed and revised as needed. Finally, where do these monies obtained by these Agreements go in the Budget?

7. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

8. **NEW BUSINESS** –

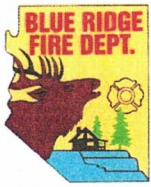
a. Chairperson Bourne asked for a motion to discuss and possible action to engage the Coconino County Attorney for legal representation FY 2022-2023.

Discussion took place re: Mr. Bourne noting the accessibility of the County Attorney. Even though he seems to be short-handed, Mr. Mark Byrnes is our best option. Also, Mr. Byrnes has Mr. Bourne has his main contact and Mr. Bourne would like Chief Paine to assume that role.

Ms. Hawke made the motion. Ms. Meakin seconded. All voted Yes.

The Motion passed.

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- b. Chairperson Bourne asked for a motion to discuss and possible action to finalize the Blue Ridge Fire District Fire Suppression Agreement document and launch the subscription process for 2022-2023.

Discussion took place re: Mr. Bourne noting that this Annual Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney, Mr. Mark Byrnēs, with emphasis on limited liability, indemnification and cost calculation. This Agreement brings more protection to the Community.

Ms. Meakin had concerns re: having enough equipment for a fire suppression service and the condition of the property in a Fire Wise perspective.

Chief Paine reminded the Board that Blue Ridge Fire District would call for mutual aid for any house fire as they require additional fire fighters than those regularly on BRFD shift. This Agreement has Board approval from February; the Agreement is between BRFD and the property owner, not renter; education is key to prevention and this Agreement will bring the community together to provide fire service.

Ms. Hawke noted grammatical revisions needed on the last page from "to me" to "to Subscriber;" and limit needs an "s" to limits.

Ms. Hawke made the motion; Ms. Varns seconded. All voted Yes.

The Motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bourne asked for a Motion. Ms. Hawke made the motion; Ms. Seward seconded. All voted Yes.
The Motion passed.

Adjournment at 10:39 am

Respectively submitted July 18, 2022:

Alma Seward, Clerk of the BRFD Board

Approved August 22, 2022:

Alma Seward, Clerk of the BRFD Board