

Blue Ridge Fire District

MINUTES of Board Meeting held May 9, 2022

1. **MEETING** was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Board Member Judy Varns

2. Judy Varns asked for a motion to discuss that she be temporary Chairperson for this meeting. Mrs. Meakin made the motion; Mr. Bourne seconded; All said Yes. The motion passed.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Sylvia Meakin	Present
Judy Varns	Present
Mike Bourne	Present
Alma Seward	Present

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Varns asked for a motion to discuss the Agenda. Ms. Meakin made the motion; Mr. Bourne seconded. Discussion was made to eliminate item b. because Ms. Perelli resigned before this meeting. All said yes. The motion passed.

- a) Presentation, discussion and action of BRFD Board Resolution 2022-1. Ms. Varns asked for a motion to discuss. Ms. Seward made the motion; Ms. Meakin seconded. Ms. Seward read the Resolution (attached). All said Yes. The motion passed.

At this time, Chief Paine spoke to all present regarding the rescinding of his resignation. He also said how grateful he was for the people attending and ask that they do so for any and all meetings.

- b) Discussion and possible action of appointing Board Members to Officer positions. Ms. Varns asked for a motion to discuss. Mrs. Meakin made the motion; Ms. Seward seconded.

At this time, Ms. Seward read the following:

Ms. Perelli's resignation is one of three recent Board Members resignations. As we accept these resignations and make appointments to fill their vacancies, I would like to note the service contributed by these members. Even though we were in profound disagreement over certain issues, I would like to point out that the years of service to our District from these Board Members – a combined total of well over 20 years – deserve some recognition. And I respectfully request that we accept the resignations with that acknowledgment.

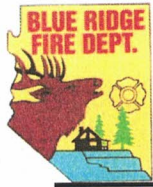
At this time, the Board Members discussed Chairperson and Board Clerk positions. Mr. Bourne accepted the position of Chairperson and Ms. Seward accepted the position of Board Clerk. All said Yes. The motion passed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a. m.

Respectively submitted May 13, 2022:

Alma Seward
Clerk of the BRFD Board



Blue Ridge Fire District

BRFD BOARD RESOLUTION 2022-1

WHEREAS, the property, homes, lives and safety of District residents are under potential risk from the resignation of the Fire Chief and staff of the Blue Ridge Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the continued benefits of the Fire District's Certificate of Necessity would be placed in jeopardy by the Chief's resignation and the ensuing search for a new chief, and

WHEREAS, the stability of the District's operations, the District's superior ranking statewide, the continued outstanding ISO rating within the District for homeowner's insurance policies and premiums, would all be at risk without the continued leadership of our current Fire Chief,

NOW THEREFORE,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED members of the Blue Ridge Fire District Governing Board, do hereby earnestly implore Fire Chief Philip Paine to rescind or postpone to a later date his resignation, in order to allow time for Board action and legal confirmation/validation of such action(s), and in order to ensure the continued stability and effectiveness of our Fire District, and the safety of our residents.
