

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION**

**March 3, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:**

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan, Members at Large Kevin O'Donnell, Frances Lechner. Ben Palm, Chief. Nina Bourbeau, bookkeeper. Attendance of the Public noted on attached document.

**3. Discussion regarding 2014-2015 YFD budget.**

We discussed computer expenses.

Costs for large printer repair, toner, other possible costs. May get some expense money from Yarnell Recovery and the Chamber who also use this unit.

Potential cost of advertising for election- about \$600.00. Also advertising cost for budget publication.

Propane costs - special discount- for bay and fire house. Electricity in crew quarters.

Consider fee paid for 4 months of consulting after the fire re grant assistance.

Fuel expense- regular gas and diesel. This cost has increased due to provision of help to Peoples Valley FD. Also , gas prices may increase in the 2014-2015 period . May increase budget to \$5,000.

Vehicle repair and maintenance- Budget to \$2,500 . At this time vehicles are in good condition.

Levy limit for 2014 \$119,745 at this time. Salaries, stipends, normal operation costs come from tax monies so all have to be in budget. Safer Grant money helps with 'retention' specifically. Need to hire an Administrator for handling of Safer monies, including new projects from this.

A. File Cabinet - Frances made a motion that Ben can spend up to \$1,000 for file cabinets without further authorization from the Board. Arlon seconded. Motion carried.

B. Chipper update- Ben has researched this. Vermeer charges \$38,754 for a new machine, and \$24,000 for a used machine. He will check out other possibilities , including a lease possibility.

C. Trailer for UTV: Frances made a motion that Ben is authorized to spend up to \$1,600 for a new or used trailer. Carole seconded. Motion carried.

The old trailer will be sold.

Budget is up to \$134,000 as of today.

We are still interested in purchase of the old Yarnell bank building. Will try to get a USDA grant for this.

We also still need a generator and radios. We still need to research options for these. Hope for donations of these items.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 2:30 PM. The next regular session will be held on March 17, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Ryan,

Yarnell Fire Board Secretary