

## YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

### FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION

February 24, 2014

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:10 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. Chief Ben Palm. Attendance of the Public noted on attached document.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

Motion made by Richard, seconded by Kevin, approved by all, to approve regular session 1-22-14 minutes.

Motion made by Arlon, seconded by Frances, approved by all, to approve special session 2-3-14 minutes.

Motion made by Richard, seconded by Frances, approved by all, to approve executive session minutes of 12-20-13.

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

**A. Chairman's Report:** Arlon discussed and provided Safer Grant copies to the Board. The 4 year allocation which we have been awarded will total \$376,500 for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

Also discussed is a need for locking file cabinets and the Chief's need for a locking closet for expensive equipment. The file cabinet discussion will be continued at our March 4 special meeting.

**B. Secretary's Report:** none

**C. Treasurer's Report :** (see attached)

Richard presented : Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through January 2014

General Fund \$41,664.00

Donations and Grants \$118,323.22 Will need to borrow \$53,000 temporarily for helipad costs.

Capital Reserve Fund \$58,255.85

Pension and Relief Fund \$ 77,488.91

Report approved as provided by Carole. Second by Frances. Motion carried.

**D. Chief's Report:** (see attached)

**5. OLD BUSINESS -**

**A.** Pension/ Relief Board report from Frances. Meeting tomorrow will be posted 24 hours ahead, as is required.

At this time, money is collected at 5% from each employee and YFD matches 5%, but the employee needs to work at the fire department for 20 years to get this extra 5%. Bob Burkhardt will draft a new potential vesting schedule to help us attract and maintain new employees and volunteers.

**B.** We have paid \$560.00 so far for the Ashfork land donation.

**C.** We are paying the total cost for paving and helipad at this time from donations/grants until we are reimbursed \$53,000 by the grant.

**D.** Ben reported that two sirens for YFD could cost up to \$90,000 including set up and other additional costs. He will continue to research this and will report again at the next regular meeting.

**E.** We may need to spend up to \$10,000 for expenses for lights, paint, decals, new belt and hoses for the Type 3 loaner which is a 1991 Ford 800 with a crew cab that will be functional for wild land fires as well as residential fires.

Frances made a motion to allow Ben to spend up to \$10,000 for this purpose, and to paint the Type 3 white, which is less expensive than red. Motion seconded by Richard. Motion carried.

**F.** Motion made by Frances to go into executive session to discuss the chief's evaluation. Seconded by Richard. Motion carried at 12:30PM. Out of executive session at 12:50PM.

**G.** Budget information was presented by Nina Bourbeau who explained the old budget and potential changes needed for the new budget as related to current expense issues.

**6. New Business:**

**A.** More research needed for the chipper issue. This will be discussed at the next special meeting of March 3, 2014.

**B.** Firefighter Aileen Cassillas presented a complete proposal for the First Annual Yarnell Fire District Memorial 5K/Fun Run and Walk. This will take place in Glen Ilah on June 7 at 7AM. Proceeds from this will be given to YFD Donations and Grants Fund. (See Attached.)

Richard made a motion to allow Aileen to spend anticipated expenses of \$800.00. Frances seconded. Motion carried.

C. Fire Mural discussion will be delayed until next regular meeting.

D. Ben reported that the needed UTV trailer may cost about \$1000. More information later.

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No one made a request to speak.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 1:10 PM. The next regular session will be held on March 17, 2014.

Respectively Submitted,

Carole Ryan

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