

MINUTES OF THE
BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

10/05/17-Open Meeting: Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on October 18, 2017. A Special Open Meeting of the Buckskin Fire Board was convened on October 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the classroom of Station 1 of the Buckskin Fire Department located at 8500 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344. The following matters were discussed at the Special Open Meeting.

1. Call to Order: 6:02pm

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Daniel, Secretary/Clerk: Wayne Posey, Board Members Robert Gory, and Don Rountree, Glenda Gerson, (via telephone)

Staff Present: Interim Chief Pellerin (via telephone), Barbara Cole, Lt. Fernandez, Firefighter Greve, Firefighter Bookey and Firefighter Klein.

Public Present:

Terry Krukemyer, La Paz County Finance Director & Duce Minor, La Paz County Supervisor, District 2

3. (Discussion and Possible Action): Terry Krukemeyer, Finance Director, La Paz County to discuss update regarding the options to handle the tax correction issue.

Board of Supervisors 3.116 rate approved, current rate approved, the rate BFD approved, leave as it is, but will only spend the amount of the budget. Board of supervisors would put in a special fund, when Buckskin Fire District goes through their budget process there will be \$77,000 that will be put in that budget for next year held by the County. Nothing has to be done by the Fire District, the Fire District still only uses the amount of the budget that was approved. The County Treasurer will set up a special fund that will hold the extra funds. The 3.116 rate that was approved by the Board of Supervisors is the rate to be used. The district will spend \$77,000 dollars less than what the Board of Supervisors had approved, adhering to the adopted budget. The taxing part, will be approved by the Board of Supervisors, in the district's budget for next year and will account for the extra taxes collected in regards to the over taxed amount in this year's approval by the Board of Supervisors. Next fiscal year the county treasurer will offset the \$77,000 automatically to Buckskin Fire District's budget. No action will have to be taken on the Buckskin Fire District's side, taxpayers had a higher tax bill this year, but with all things being equal could be lower next year, according to Duce Minor, County Supervisor depending on how things are budgeted. Buckskin Fire District Board recommended that there is some kind of checks and balances so that this error doesn't happen again next year.

Interim Chief Pellerin interjected regarding speaking to the Fire District's attorney, Bill Whittington, that the Fire District attorney had said that everything was legal as long as the Fire District doesn't go over their approved budget. The attorney also suggested that the county put out a letter in reference to the County's solution so that it can be on the website and be able to put out a press release. Terry Krukemyer had suggested that he would get that letter sent out to the Fire District.

Motion was made by Wayne Posey to leave the fix that the county has proposed towards next year's budget and the Fire District will not spend the extra taxes collected; along with a second by Bob Gory. There were no comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Posey, Rountree, Gory, Gerson.(via telephone)

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Vote was unanimous on Item #3. Motion passed.

4. Possible motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.1: for the purpose of discussion, interview and consideration of a candidate for Interim Fire Chief as well as further discussion of the previously interviewed candidate for Fire Chief. This item may include discussion related to

compensation, benefits, and any other issues associated with selecting, appointing, hiring or contracting either an Interim Chief or a Fire Chief. The Board may vote to hold separate executive sessions to discuss each candidate. If authorized by a majority vote of the Buckskin Fire District Board of Director, they would convene into Executive Session with Brenda Tranchina for interview process of candidates.

Motion was made to by Wayne Posey to convene into Executive Session, along with a second by Don Rountree. There were no comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Posey, Rountree, Gory, Gerson.(via telephone)

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session. 6:20pm.

Reconvene to Open Meeting: 7:00pm

Note: No decisions were made during Executive Session.

5. (Discussion and Possible Action): To appoint an Interim Fire Chief to fill the vacancy of the Fire Chief on a temporary basis. This item may include a vote on the compensation to be paid to the Interim Fire Chief and any other issues that may be associated with selecting appointing, hiring or contracting an Interim Fire Chief.

Motion was made by Wayne Posey to make an offer of employment to hire Steve Abel as Interim Fire Chief, and for Brenda Tranchina to negotiate the term of either a professional service contract or an employment contract with Steve Abel and work with BFD legal counsel to develop the Interim Fire Chief contract, along with a second by Bob Gory.

There were not comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Posey, Rountree, Gory, Gerson (via telephone)

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Vote was unanimous on item #5. Motion passed.

6. (Discussion and Possible Action): To appoint a Fire Chief. This item may include a vote on the compensation to be paid to the Fire Chief and any other issues that may be associated with selecting, appointing, hiring or contracting a Fire Chief.

Motion was made by Wayne Posey to table this item, along with a second by Bob Gory.

There were not comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Posey, Rountree, Gory, Gerson (via telephone)

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Vote was unanimous on item #6. Motion passed.

7. **Call to the Public.** Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. *Those wishing to address the Buckskin Fire District Board need not request permission in advance Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(G), the Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised*

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No public attended.

8. Adjourn. No other comments or questions were made prior to adjourning.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm.

Jeff Daniel
Jeff Daniel, Chairman

10-18-17
Date

Barbara Cole
Office Administrator

10/10/2017
Date

Minutes approved by: [Signature] Date: 10/18/17

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PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING, MATT PELLERIN, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF OF BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT (928) 667-3321 PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. FACILITIES ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.