



MINUTES OF THE BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD
06/09/20-Open Meeting: Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on Tuesday, 7/14/2020. An Open Meeting of the Buckskin Fire Board convened on June 9, 2020, immediately following a Budget Public Hearing session that started at 6:00 pm in the classroom of the Buckskin Fire District, located at: 8500 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344 that convened at 6:00 pm. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting. ***DUE TO COVID-19 CRISIS, BUCKSKIN WILL ONLY BE DOING MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE FOR THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PUBLIC CAN CALL THE STATION FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO BE PART OF THE MEETING.***

Public Hearing

1. Call to Order: Budget Hearing, 6:01 pm
2. Roll Call.
Members Present: *Chairman Jeff Daniel & Wayne Posey, board members Don Rountree, John Mihelich & Jeff McCormack..*
Staff Present: *Chief Maloney, Barbara Cole.*
Public Present: *Sheriff Bill Risen.*
Gary Svider by teleconference.
3. (Discussion): Open to the Public for Comments.
No Comments
4. Adjourn: Public Hearing Closed. 6:02 pm.

Agenda Open Meeting

5. Convene into Open Meeting: 6:02 pm.
6. **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 any action on items raised in the call to the public that is not specifically identified on the Agenda. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a*



future agenda. Public input is limited to two (2) minutes per session unless a greater amount of time is approved by the Board. ***The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the current Agenda; due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.***

No comments.

7. (Action Item): Approval of Minutes submitted for the Open Meetings held on 05/12/20.

Motion made by Wayne Posey for the approval of Minutes for the meeting of 05/12/20 as per written, along with a second from John Mihelich.

There were no comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Posey, Rountree, Mihelich & McCormack.

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #7.

8. (Action Item): Discussion and Possible Action: Acceptance of monthly expense report 05/01/20 –05/31/20. All transactions approved by Administrative Fire Chief; documentation for these expenses were reviewed and authorized by a minimum of two Fire Board Members whose signatures are on the warrants issued to vendor(s), as per Buckskin Fire District policy and procedures. *Motion was made by Don Rountree for the acceptance of the monthly financial reports and expense reports for 05/01/2020-05/31/20, along with a second from Jeff McCormack.*

There were no comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, Mihelich & McCormack

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on item #8.

9. (Discussion and Possible Action): Board adoption of (A) Annual Budget for Fiscal Year End 2020-2021 and Tax Rate & (B) along with adoption of Resolution 2020-04.

(A). Motion was made by Wayne Posey to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year End 2020-2021 with a 3.25 Tax Rate, along with a second from John Michelich. There were no comments or questions prior to voting.



Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, Mihelich & McCormack

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on item #9-A.

(B). Motion was made by John Mihelich to adopt Resolution 2020-04, for the Budget and Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2020-202, along with a second from Jeff McCormack. The only comment was if the budget was posted in the newspaper and if so was if free to do that.

There were no other comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, Mihelich & McCormack

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on item #9-B.

10. (Discussion & Possible Action Item): Possible Board approval of revised contract with San Bernardino County as reviewed and/or updated by Bucksfire Legal counsel, William Whittington, from the law firm of Boyle, Pecharich, Cline, Whittington & Stallings, P.L.L.C., (BPCWS). Legal review and approve for finalization.

There were discussions regarding some of the details regarding contract, and that the Legal firm, BPCWS had revised any issues with San Bernadino and that both parties did agree on the current revised contract. A motion was made by Don Rountree to approve the revised contract as written, with a recommendation to use the Chief as needed for signing, along with a second from John Mihelich.

There were no comments for questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, Mihelich & McCormack

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on item #10.

11. (Discussion and Possible Action Item): Board approval of Phoenix Fire IGA and Bucksfire Fire regarding annual medical physicals.

Motion was made by Wayne Posey to approve the Phoenix Fire IGA and Bucksfire Fire regarding annual medical physicals, along with a second from Jeff Daniel.

There were no comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, Mihelich & McCormack.

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:



Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on item #11.

12. (Discussion and Possible Action Item): Board approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Buckskin Fire and Parker Fire regarding the sharing of Firefighter Protective Gear.

Motion was made by Wayne Posey to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Buckskin Fire and Parker Fire regarding the sharing of Firefighter Protective Gear, along with a second from John Mihelich.

There were no comments or questions prior to voting.

Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, Mihelich & McCormack.

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on item #12.

13. (Discussion and Possible Action Item): Discussion and Possible Board directive for Chief Maloney regarding liability and responsibility of Buckskin Fire District to CRIT Fire.

Sheriff Risen was a guest speaker regarding the issues that the La Paz County Sheriff's office has dealt with regarding CRIT. He spoke of professional experiences that have caused issues and how they are working on resolving them, including only going on calls on Reservation land if called for officer needs assist. Discussions were regarding liability and how much should be accepted. Discussions with Chief Maloney included that CRIT will not sign an IGA agreement, and whether we should stop automatic aid, unless called to assist, then it is on a recorded dispatch that they asked for help, which also limits the exposure and liability. Mr. Posey had stated "that if they want our help they should sign the agreement, or have to call for help in case of a unique situation". The consensus was CRIT should ask for aid if they need it rather than have automatic aid, since they refuse to sign the agreement. The District's Legal team from BPCWS, had written a letter to Buckskin Fire in regard to the automatic response that has been given to CRIT, and since they won't sign the countywide Mutual Aid Agreement that their opinion that the District does not respond, due to additional exposure and liability when operating on CRIT property without an agreement that deals with the issue of indemnification or release. Legal also recommended that the District attempt to work with CRIT in order to arrive at an agreement with terms that are acceptable to them, and to include of at least a partial waiver of sovereign immunity.

There was no action taken, only for direction and/or discussion.



14. (Report) Chairman's Report: Jeff Daniel
No Report given
15. Fire Chief's Report: *See Attached Reports.*
 - A. Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log
 - B. Monthly Activities
 - C. Upcoming Activities and Events
16. Ask Board Members for *items to be considered for inclusion on next agenda.*
17. **Schedule next Regular Session or Workshop;**
Regular Board meeting for Tuesday, July 14, 2020.
18. Adjourn of Regular Board Meeting: *6:51 pm.*

Jeff Daniel
Jeff Daniel, Chairman

7/14/20
Date

Barbara Cole
Office Administrator

06/17/2020
Date

Minutes approved by: Do Mont Date: 7-14-20

Minutes approved by: Me Date: 7-14-20

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