



MINUTES OF THE BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD
10/12/21-Open Meeting: Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on Tuesday, 11/9/2021.
A Public meeting of the Buckskin Fire Board convened on October 12, 2021, that started at 6:00 pm in the classroom of the Buckskin Fire District, located at: 8500 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting

Work Session

Workshop discussions regarding PSPRS funding options with Guest Speakers, Mike LaVallee from Stifel, along with conference call with other members of Stifel organization.

Workshop open at 6:21. Discussions regarding the PSPRS pension debt and options available to Fire Districts. Stifel represents a company that has help several Fire Districts to pay off the current Legacy pension debt and refinance with a much lower interest rate that can help free extra dollars from not having to pay so much into the PSPRS fund and be able to use elsewhere, such as capital replacement, etc., Mike LaVallee and Claude Lockhart from Stifel explained the process and the costs regarding moving forward with funding options for PSPRS legacy debt. There were no decisions made in the workshop.

Workshop closed at 7:35

Agenda Open Meeting

1. Call to Order: 6:03 pm, closed meeting at 6:20 to go into Workshop.
Open meeting reconvened at 7:36 pm.
2. Roll Call.
Members Present: *Chairman Jeff Daniel, John Mihelich, Wayne Posey, Jeff McCormack & Don Rountree.*
Staff Present: *Chief Maloney, Barbara Cole, Captain Byrd, Lt. Quinn*
Public Present: *Mike LaVallee from Stifel along with Claude Lockhart (telephonically) from Stifel (Chicago).*
3. **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 public comments.

4. Approval of Minutes submitted for the Open Meetings held on September 14, 2021.
Motion made by Wayne Posey for the approval of Minutes for the meeting of 09/14/2021 as written, along with a second from John Mihelich.
There were no comments or questions prior to voting.
Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, McCormack & Mihelich.
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:
Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #4.

5. (Action Item): Discussion and Possible Action: Acceptance of monthly expense report 09/01/21 – 09/30/21. 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 Bucksfire Fire District policy and procedures. *A motion was made by Don Rountree to approve the monthly financial reports and expense reports for 09/01/2021 -09/30/2021, along with a second from Jeff McCormack.*
There were no comments or questions prior to voting.
Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, McCormack & Mihelich.
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:
Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #5.

6. (Discussion and Possible Action): Discussion and Possible Action regarding PSPRS Funding options with Stifel & Associates.
Mike LaVallee discussed the next steps if Bucksfire Fire District wanted to move forward to see what is available to them regarding PSPRS funding options, which would be to have the Chief sign an engagement letter that is non-binding and could be cancelled at any time. A motion was made by Wayne Posey to approve for the Chief to sign the engagement letter from Stifel that is a non-binding agreement and can be cancelled to be able to move forward with options, along with a second from Don Rountree.
There were no comments or questions prior to voting.
Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, McCormack & Mihelich.
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:
Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #6



7. (Report) Chairman's Report: Jeff Daniel.

Chairman Daniel gave his report based on the Chief Maloney's resignation with a 90-day notice, as per his contract, for family reasons and moving back to Michigan. Chairman Daniel had discussed that Chief Maloney had reached out to Chief Pat Dennen, retired, as being a possible candidate as an Interim Fire Chief for Buckskin until a permanent Fire Chief could be hired, and suggested that the Board have a Special Meeting to discuss the hiring process for a new Chief and to talk to Chief Dennen as an Interim Chief.

8. Fire Chief's Report: *See Attached Reports.*

Chief Maloney stated that he had a very difficult time of coming to terms with his decision but felt that his family had to come first in this difficult decision. He stated that felt that Chief Dennen would be a good fit for Buckskin as an interim Chief, and that Chief Dennen had stated that he would be interested in the possibility for a short period of time until a permanent replacement for Chief Maloney could be found.

- A. Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log
- B. Monthly Activities
- C. Upcoming Activities and Events

9. Ask Board Members for **items to be considered for inclusion on next agenda.**
Special Meeting for discussion on hiring an interim Chief

10. **Schedule next Regular Session or Workshop.**
Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

11. Adjourn of Regular Board Meeting: 7:40 pm.

Jeff Daniel
Jeff Daniel, Chairman

11/9/21
Date

Barbara Cole
Office Administrator

10/21/2021
Date

Minutes approved by: [Signature]

Date: 11/9/21

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