



MINUTES OF THE BUCKSKIN FIRE DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

07/27/22 – Special Open Meeting: Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on Tuesday, 08/09/2022, a public meeting of the Buckskin Fire Board convened on July 27, 2022, 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

Agenda Open Meeting

1. Call to Order: 6:02 P.M..
2. Roll Call.
Members Present: *Chairman Jeff Daniel, John Mihelich, Wayne Posey & Don Rountree (telephonically). Jeff McCornack absent.*
Staff Present: *Chief McMahan, Barbara Cole*
Public Present: *No public present.*
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 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 present.
4. (Discussion and Possible Item): Board discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2023-3 to authorize Chief McMahan to purchase and enter into a Lease/Purchase agreement with Leasing Specialists, LLC with a not to exceed \$850K on a demonstrator fire engine, including possible approval of certificate of authority, with a possible board waiver of bid procedure requirement with respect to the purchase of used equipment.
Chief McMahan explained as directed from the last meeting on 7/19/2022, the Board had authorized the Chief to move forward with getting some bids on a demonstrator truck and bring back to Board, even if it was a special meeting, to move forward with purchasing a used or demonstrator truck, Chief stated that he found 4 trucks and out of the 4 trucks only one was an actual demo truck. and making sure we were following our policy he had reached out to our attorney, Bill Whittington.. Looking at our policy, we found out that we are not able to buy stock trucks. Chief McMahan stated that we have one demo truck, a Spartan, which fits



the needs of the Fire District. The truck is currently in Ohio, and would be received in 60 days, and we would enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the financing. He discussed asking for \$850K, based on the price and the other money is to outfit the truck, since it is new in the fleet, and we are not taking equipment off of another truck. The certificate of authority is so we can do out of state business. The leasing company is Leasing Specialists, LLC. The truck is a 2021 model, it is a 1-year-old truck, therefore it is a used truck, and we are getting the discounts, and at the end of June it had 6100 miles on it, it has been discounted to reflect that. Chief explained that the interest rate was raised .75 today, but the Leasing company will hold the rate at the 3.7% if we sign today we are locked in at the 3.7%. Chief stated this the only actual demo that he could find at this point that is not already sold. To capitalize on the best financing and the price, his recommendation is that we purchase this demo model. Wayne Posey commented on the specs of the truck and if the truck was the best for the Department and in his opinion a Type 3, Type 1, combination Engine would be better for the District due to the rural areas that have dirt roads. He had stated that he didn't understand the need, but he was in favor of getting an additional truck, with regards to the condition of our older truck and in his opinion the Type 3, Type 1 combination would be the best for the rural areas that Buckskin services.

Chief stated that in his professional opinion that getting another Type 3 is a waste of money and is not going to do what we need it to. Chief stated that he didn't know of any combinations, there are ones that say that you can use it, but you are either rated as a Type 1 or a Type 3, not rated as both. If our Type 3 is gone, we have a Type 6, we have another Wildland Engine and we just got rid of a Wildland Engine because I didn't think operationally that we needed 3 Wildland trucks. However, professionally, I feel we need two frontline Type 1 Engines and a reserve and that's my recommendation and I would not recommend buying another Type 3. Don Rountree stated he didn't think we need a Type 3 and would agree with the Chief that we recommend the Type 1 that can respond out of Station 1 and take care of our needs first and would like to make a motion to except the Chief's recommendation as Item number 4 was written, along with a second from John Mihelich. Chairman Daniel stated there was a first as item #4 was written, not to exceed the \$850K, along with a second from John Mihelich. Chief stated before the vote, that there was a recommended motion in their Agenda bill that needed to be stated in the motion, per legal counsel, Bill Whittington, that word per word as a multifaceted issue that all the items are taken care of on the agenda. Chairman Daniel stated that since there had been a first and a second motion if the board would entertain a motion to cancel the first motion. John Mihelich made the motion to cancel the first Motion along with a second from Jeff Daniel.

Don Rountree made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-3 to enter into the Lease Purchase agreement 1010 with Leasing Specialists, LLC., for the purchase of a fire engine in an amount not to exceed \$850K; and to approve the Certificate of Authority and Addendum to the Lease Purchase Agreement 1010-re: same and to authorize the Chief or the Chair to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same. Further, Moton to approve July 27, 2022, proposal from EVG(Emergency Vehicle Group) for the purchase of a Spartan Emergency Response Type 1 Engine in the amount of \$738,994.88 , subject to the terms of the small contract addendum previously provided by legal counsel, along with a second from John Mihelich

There were no other comments made before voting:



Ayes: Daniel, Rountree & Mihelich

Nays: Posey with 3 comments

- a. Felt should have went out to bid process as he felt we are circumventing the bid process and don't want to be liable for that as a board member.
- b. The leasing documents are blank and don't have numbers in them nor are they filled out.
- c. I don't feel it is the right truck for the fire department.

Chairman Daniel comments.

- a. Bill Whittington was included in the process so that we are making sure we were not trying to circumvent the system or the policies, he stated that what we are doing is legal, and that he would take Mr. Whittington's word for it, as he is the District's attorney.
- b. The amounts will be filled in on the documents while they are being signed by me and a board member, including the dollar amount, and the Board members who are here are welcome to see what is filled in and signed.
- c. It is only your opinion on the right truck for the department and your input is appreciated..

Absent: McCormack

Abstain:

Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a majority vote on agenda item #4.

5. Adjourn of Regular Board Meeting: 6:25 pm.

Jeff Daniel
Board Chairman

8/9/22
Date

Barbara Cole
Office Administrator

07/28/2022
Date

Minutes approved by: Jimmiil

Date: 8/9/2022

Minutes approved by: Don Rountree

Date: 8-9-2022

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING, BRIAN MCMAHAN, FIRE CHIEF OF BUCKSKIN FIRE DISTRICT (928) 667-3321 AT LEAST **48 HOURS** PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. FACILITIES ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.