PONDEROSA FIRE DISTRICT (PFD) GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING Held July 30, 2020 at Ponderosa Fire District Station 82 11951 W. Shadow Mountain Drive Bellemont, AZ 86015

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 6:09 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	
Mark Christian, Chairman		
Kurt Wildermuth, Vice-Chairman		
Julie Mabry, Clerk		
Marina Mitchell, Member		
Thomas Humphrey, Member		

Fire District Personnel Present:

Lee Antonides, Fire Chief

Members of the Community:

Guests:

2. Call to the Public – none

3. Discussion and possible action regarding extensive repairs needed on Engine 826 –Chief Antonides stated the type 6 came back from the Monument Fire and there were issues with the front end. Both batteries were dead and need to be replaced. Both alternators are not putting out the required voltage. The front-end needs replacements. The rear brakes and rotors need to be replaced as well. Chief Antonides stated we have two quotes from Heath's Automotive totaling \$5,022. The engine has been replaced, three turbos, a transmission, transfer case, and a rear differential. Vice-Chairman Wildermuth asked about the essential equipment on that truck and if we purchased something new would we have better efficiency. Chief Antonides stated that the truck definitely needs to be replaced and there are better electrical systems, pump wise have minor improvements. Clerk Mabry stated that purchasing a new vehicle does not always solve the problems and that repairing this vehicle would be the best idea at this time.

Chairman Christian stated that getting it repaired as opposed to trading it out. We looked at our fiscal responsibilities, income vs expenses and we decided to hold off on the remodel. We know that we can repair this vehicle and get it back up to operational capacity. Getting a new vehicle has been on everyone's mind by the strategic plan stated to replace the Type 1 engine first. If we repair and trade it in then we are veering away from our strategic plan. Fix the engine, lasts a couple of years, give us a window of time while we work on our strategic plan.

Member Humphrey get it repaired but also look at avenues of getting it replaced. Chief Antonides stated that we need to repair the type 6 and get it response ready. But we also need to start planning on replacing multiple vehicles within the department. This will be driven by the strategic plan and maintenance costs. Chairman Christian stated that we need to stick with our strategic plan and create a well thought out process to replace that vehicle.

<u>Action</u>: Clerk Mabry made a motion to authorize the transfer \$5,022 from the capital fund to the general fund for repairs on engine 826, Vice-Chairman Wildermuth seconded; unanimous.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of VFIS contract – Chief Antonides stated this is an annual contract we have for our stations and vehicles. He went through all 38 pages and made a couple of

minor changes including adding the new radio antenna at station 81. Member Humphrey asked why it listed watercraft and unmanned aircraft. Chief Antonides stated it is just a blanket coverage.

<u>Action</u>: Member Humphrey made a motion to approve the annual renewal of the VFIS contract, Chairman Christian seconded; unanimous.

- **5.** Possible Executive Session *The Board may vote to go into an Executive Session on any agenda item, which will not be open to the public, pursuant to A.R.S.* 38-431.03(A)(3)
- 6. Adjournment At 6:30 p.m. Clerk Mabry made a motion to adjourn, Vice-Chairman Wildermuth seconded; unanimous.

Julie Mabry, Board Clerk