

PONDEROSA FIRE DISTRICT (PFD) GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Held January 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
at Ponderosa Fire District Station 81
1511 N Spring Valley Rd
Parks, AZ 86018

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman Mark Christian called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Christian, Chairman Thomas Humphrey, Clerk Rick Tomjack, Member Deanna Hueston, Member
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Members Absent:

Kurt Wildermuth, Vice-Chairman

Fire District Personnel Present:

Lee Antonides, Fire Chief

Members of the Community:

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Guests:

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2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Call to the Public - NONE**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Review of Regular Board Meeting minutes from Thursday, December 14th, 2023.

Action: Stand approved as written.

5. **Financial Reports**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding financial reports ending – September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, and December 2023.

- i. Kevin from Stephens and Company presented the financials to the board and explained the addition of the bond account. The board found the net asset numbers in the September and October financials to not equal the other numbers presented. Kevin mentioned the versions presented could be incorrect as they created new versions after the audit. The board will approve the minutes on the condition that Stephens & Company review the documents and come back with new documentation for review and approval and/or an explanation for the differential in numbers.

- ii. Action: Chairman Mark Christian made a motion to approve the financials ending September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, and December 2023 on the condition that Stephens & Company will review the financial documents and come back with new financial documentation for review and approval and/or an explanation for the differential in numbers at the February board meeting. Clerk Thomas Humphrey Seconded, Unanimous.

6. **Chief's Summary and Reports**

- a. Chief Lee did not have anything to Report.

7. Old Business

- a. NONE

8. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action of 2024 Fire District Governing Board Officer Elections.

All members were happy to stay in their officer elections. Since Kurt Wildermuth was not in attendance, he will keep his position and if he chooses not to continue, he may step down at any point.

Action: Member Rick Tomjack made a motion to nominate Mark Christian as board Chairman, Clerk Thomas Humphrey seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Mark Christian made a motion to nominate Thomas Humphrey as board Clerk, Member Rick Tomjack seconded. Unanimous.

Clerk Thomas Humphrey made a motion to nominate Kurt Wildermuth as board Vice-Chairman, Deanna Hueston seconded. Unanimous.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring an attorney to pursue reimbursement for the Camp Navajo Type 3 engine costs.

- Chief Lee is requesting permissions to send documentation to Bill Whittington to see if the department has merit to pursue a case against Camp Navajo for reimbursement of labor cost, man hours, and lost revenue from the work put into the Type 3 engine. The board agrees that getting more information on if this could be something worth pursuing is worth the expense.

Action: Chairman Mark Christian made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to consult Attorney Bill Whittington for a legal opinion on if the department has grounds for a case against Camp Navajo for reimbursement of labor cost, man hours, and lost revenue by sending him all appropriate documentation. Clerk Thomas Humphrey seconded. Unanimous.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of financing up to \$225,000 with First Government Lease Company for a used Type 3 Engine.

- The department needs a Type 3 Engine for wildland assignments. They found one for \$214,000, with possible repairs totaling around \$15,000. The Fire Chief presented pictures and description of the interior.

Action: Clerk Thomas Humphrey made a motion to approve financing \$219,000 with First Government Lease Company for the used 2011 Type 3 Engine not to exceed \$225,000 in additional funding for repairs. Member Deanna Hueston seconded. Unanimous.

- 9. 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).

- 10. ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:37 p.m. Member Deanna Hueston made a motion to adjourn the January 14th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. Chairman Mark Christian seconded; unanimous.



Mark Christian, Board Chairman