

PONDEROSA FIRE DISTRICT (PFD) GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Held October 17, 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 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Mark Christian, Chairman Thomas Humphrey, Clerk Rick Tomjack, Member Deanna Hueston, Member Kurt Wildermuth, Vice-Chairman	
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Fire District Personnel Present:

Lee Antonides, Fire Chief

Members of the Community:

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, September 19th, 2024.

Action: Stand approved as written.

5. **Financial Reports**

- i. Discussion and possible action regarding financial reports ending August 31st, 2024, and September 30th, 2024.

- ii. Action: Vice-Chairman Kurt Wildermuth made aa motion to accept the financial statements ending August 31st and September 30th, 2024, Member Rick Tomjack seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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

Annual number of calls to date and incident reports; year to date there have been 339 requests for service. Last year at this time there were 323 requests for service, up sixteen calls this year. There have been thirty-two requests for service since the last board meeting.

- Some significant calls:
- a) 9/26 MVA, I-40 MP 181W, 2 pts, minor injuries, no transports
 - b) 10/11 Structure Assignment, Parks General Store, minor damage
 - c) 10/13 Wildland Assignment, three machine piles
 - d) 10/14 Structure Assignment, multiple alarms triggered due to an apparent power surge, false alarm

The department is working on hose lines and pumping for training.

Committees attended were: PFAC (Ponderosa Fire Advisory Council) – Postponed to November

- PAC (Parks Area Connection) – Last meeting until March. Established committees for projects, discussed community needs for the winter, and provided firewood for those in need.
- C3 (Coconino County Chief's Consortium) – Regional staffing, DFFM funding, JMA FFD/SFMD

Status of department grants: 1) Closing out current fuels grant (NFHF 22-203).

2) The AFG grant for a washer/extractor and dryer. Grant submitted.

(Was not awarded)

3) New Fuels grant for next season (2024 Healthy Forest Initiative Grant) has been awarded for eighty acres of thinning. This is a \$125,000 grant with a 10% match. Will be on the November agenda.

Deposits since last board meeting, PSPRS reimbursement \$185.08, Fuels Grant (NFHF 22-203) reimbursement \$17,429.54, Out of District Billing \$161.66, 70 **(TOTAL \$17,776.28)**

Residential and commercial development within the district:

- 1) Bellemont townhomes civil work is still under way.
- 2) Civil work starting for the Parks in the Pines RV Park.
- 3) Business center next to Best Western breaking ground tentatively spring 2025.

Vehicle maintenance report:

- 1) E81 going in for oil leaks, primer system and taillight electrical issues
- 2) E82 had an electrical issue going to the computer. It was sent to SFMD maintenance. Awaiting additional information to finish some of the repairs. It will go back in when we get the electrical schematic.
- 3) E816 is getting trailer lights, and a brake controller installed pending installation

Station 82 expansion status. Dark Sky lighting is under way and concrete for the garage has been poured.

The winter AFDA Conference is scheduled for 15-17 in Laughlin. Please look at your schedules and let me know as soon as you can if you want to attend. Same week as the Board Meeting attendees can call in or we can reschedule?

7. **Old Business**
 - a. **NONE**
8. **New Business**
 - a. **NONE**

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).

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:11 p.m. Vice-chairman Kurt Wildermuth made a motion to adjourn the October 17th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. Member Deanna Hueston seconded; unanimous.



Mark Christian, Board Chairman