



BULLHEAD CITY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board Chairman Cummings, Chairman Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Chairman: David C. Cummings
Board Member: Charles Moore
Board Member: Tanya Lane
Board Member: Ellen Brown

Absent: Board Member: Rose Jacobs

Staff Present: Fire Chief: Patrick Moore
Assistant Fire Chief – PPD/EMS: Forrest Taylor
Assistant Fire Chief – Logistics: Scott Neal
Assistant Fire Chief – Operations: Justin Flummer
Fire Marshal – Barbie Barrett
Administrative Manager: Paula Acker

CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Badge pinning was presented to the following:

Engineer James Weiss

Firefighter Jackson Booth, Firefighter Ryan Donnell, Firefighter Mitchael Trifero,

Firefighter Nail Quinn

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2023, Regular Public Meeting
- B. Acceptance of Financial Reports for August 2023

Board member Lane made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented, Board member Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the call to the public.

Firefighters' Community Report-PFFA Local 3647

Captain Jeff Jackson gave an update on the upcoming toy program.

Fire Chief's report

Fire Chief Patrick Moore provided an overview of the Fire Chief and operations memorandum that was provided in the Board packet today and attached to the official Governing Board meeting minutes. The following is a summary of the report given:

A five-year agreement with the City of BHC has been signed to allow the District to use the old station 3 bays, located at station #3 on McCormick Blvd. There is no cost to the District other than maintenance and repair.

Currently we have one Firefighter and Civilian EMS vacancy open for application.

Our dive team completed a dive focusing on trash removal and river clean up.

We have been awarded the second part of the cancer screening grant through an AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant).

The Boat delivery through the SLIF grant is anticipated for November 2023.

ARPA funded Microphones of the radio replacement order have started to arrive.

Pulse Point has been suspended at this time; this program was implemented by FMMFD.

The open house for Station #2 was well attended by the community, Board members and Bond committee members.

Operations Report – Assistant Chief, Justin Flummer

The type II ambulance is currently in transit to Firetrucks Unlimited for stripping.

The Polaris UTV has been equipped with radios and is now in service.

Work continues on the CAD system; a software upgrade is being done.

Total call volume for August was 1010 calls for service of which 832 were EMS, 19 Interfacility calls.

Logistics Report – Assistant Chief, Scott Neal

Steel package has arrived for the Station #7 new build.

Back flow preventer inspections have been scheduled for late September.

PPD/EMS Report – Assistant Chief, Taylor

330 Jr. High Students were taught hands only CPR.

Six Bullhead Fire participants attended the ICS-400 class last month.

Chief Taylor presented a short video from new fire training tower at station #2.

CRR Report – Fire Marshal, Barbie Barrett

Barbie provided the construction update and CRR activity report. The annual BCFD Community Risk Reduction Safety Fair will be held October 14, 2023 at the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse from 9:30 – 1:00 pm.

BUSINESS

Ambulance Purchase

Chief Moore explained this purchase is for a type II van style ambulance that will be used for Civilian/EMS crew as well as for interfacility transports, which is more efficient. The total cost for the ambulance is \$137,009.00 including all necessary equipment and tax. This amount does not include the power gurney which is a separate item on today's agenda.

Board Member Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 RAM ProMaster Type II ambulance as presented.

Board Member Lane seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Stryker Gurney Purchase

Chief Moore stated this purchase is for two gurney systems, one for the new ambulance we purchased in May and the one that was just approved. The cost of the two gurneys comes to \$149,265.31 this would be spent from the capital line budgeted this year.

Board Member Lane made a motion to approve the purchase of two Stryker Gurneys, Board Member Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion only re: JPA Update

Chief Moore gave an update on the JPA. Eight Districts are involved continue to meet on the JPA. Information from the Districts has been sent to James Vincent Group who are conducting a feasibility study, we expect the study to be completed by January 2024. The eight Districts include Bullhead City Fire, Golden Valley Fire, Northern Arizona Fire, Buckskin Fire, Parker Fire and Desert Hills.

The BCFD strategic plan is to put more Firefighters and EMS personnel out on the floor, to do that we would have to generate more revenue or decrease costs. Ten years ago, this organization ran approximately 9,000 calls per year with 125 Firefighters, this year we expect to run over 12,000 calls with 95 Firefighters. If we were to increase the tax rate to the cap it would generate enough income to fund one to one and a half Firefighters, raising the tax rate to the cap is not going to fix the issue at hand.

The JPA Feasibility study will show if it works operationally, financially, and politically.

Chief Moore stated not all eight Districts must join the JPA, it is up to each Districts Board to move forward after the study is completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTRE BCFD BOARD MEETINGS

NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 24, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Recorded by,



Paula Acker
Administrative Manager
Bullhead City Fire District

Approved by,



David C. Cummings, Chairman
Fire District Board



Charles Moore, Board Clerk
Fire District Board