

Regular Meeting of Pinetop Fire Board
Monday July 16, 2018
Pinetop Fire District Station 110
1845 S. Pine Lake Rd, Pinetop AZ 85935

I. Call the meeting to Order: Ed Cibbarelli called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Roll Call of Board Members 500:pm: Board members present, Ed Cibbarelli, John Rowlinson, Carla Bowen and Doug Wright came in at 5:06pm.

II. Call to the Public: None

III. Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be adopted in one motion unless a board member, staff, or member of the public in the audience requests, before the vote on the motion, to have the item considered separately. If any item is removed from the Consent Agenda, the Board Chairman will indicate when it will be discussed in the regular agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on June 18, 2018
2. Approval of Warrants paid in June 18, 2018
3. Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes April 16, 2018

The board members were given and emailed a copy of the revised Executive Meeting Minutes for review before the meeting.

John Rowlinson made the motion to approve the consent agenda and revised executive meeting minutes as modified. Seconded by Carla, Motion carried 4-0

IV. Board Business:

1. Discussion/Consideration/Possible action: Presentation of July 2018 Financial Reports

Gabe Buldra from James Vincent Group summarized the financials explaining each item and where it was currently in the budget. He also went over the fiscal year end and told the board that the district is in a good shape this year.
Summary for year end, personnel at 82%, operations 13%, managerial is 5%.

Mr. Buldra explained to the board that the Cash Position was better this year and had been steadily increasing year over year, he said this would decrease the possibility of loan reliance in the future for capital expenditures.

A question came up about Personnel being at 82%, Mr. Buldra told the board that it should really vary from 80% to 90% and this is quite normal for a fire district.

Discussion continued about Wildland Revenue and Governor Ducey getting the Arizona wildland fire debt payed down. Chief Morgan noted that Pinetop Fire District is generating a lot more money than other districts with the implementation of our REM Team, it is continuing to increase our wildland fire revenue. It was a good idea to fund the REM Team program, it will probably pay for itself before wildland season end. John Rowlinson thanked staff and wildland fire teams for good work.

Doug wright came in at 5:06pm

John Rowlinson made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, Carla Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0

2. Discussion/Consideration/Possible Action re: Consider appointment to fill vacant board position
Chief Morgan advised the board that we had received one letter for consideration from Mr. Kurt Alcumbrac. He is very excited to be considered and is available by telephone if there are any questions. Chairman Cibbarelli added that he is very qualified and interested in District activities, he comes highly recommended and has some background in fire service, he will be an asset to our board. Chief Morgan added that he had also received a referral in support of Mr. Alcumbrac from Mr. Bob Scheuneman, a former board member. Mr. Alcumbrac was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a previously scheduled event.

Carla Bowen made the motion to appoint Kurt Alcumbrac to fill the board vacancy and complete the term of office vacated by Mr. Ronny Deming. Seconded by Doug Wright, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

There was discussion about Item number 3 not being on the agenda. Chief Morgan asked how to address the item for a grant award that needed to be acquired as soon as possible. Attorney Bill Whittington (present on teleconference) advised that PFD board should schedule a special meeting but not to discuss it at this particular meeting.

John Rowlinson asked to set a date in the very near future to discuss the item. It was agreed they would have a meeting as soon as possible. Chief Morgan will contact them with a date and time and see that it gets posted for the public.

V. Personnel

1. Discussion/Consideration/Possible Action re: Recognition of Richard Halcomb's completion and certification as a paramedic.

Richard Halcomb recently became a Paramedic, he accomplished all of his academic, clinicals and skill labs, with flying colors and hard work. The program is approximately a yearlong of academic course work and clinicals. He passed his national registry on the first try. He did a wonderful job and the citizens and visitors of Pinetop will benefit. Congratulations Richie Halcomb Thank you to his wife Paige and his two sons for supporting him.

VI. Summary of Current Events

1. Chief Morgan thanked staff for performing flawlessly while he was on vacation. He asked the REM Team members, Stephen Fuller and Cory Esparza to speak on behalf of the REM Team, recently they were in New Mexico working and doing a lot of training. They said it was a good experience and all the people were receptive. Cory Esparza said there was so much positive feedback. When Greg Chavez arrived at the fire, he explained about the REM TEAM and they called it a line medical team on steroids, they did a lot of training while deployed and when everyone saw what PFD can do with the REM team they noted that they would request team attachment to their forestry group. It was a very positive experience.

Chief Morgan reminded the board about the Firewise Event. He told them the School cancelled PFD at the last minute which left staff scrambling for a new venue. It was decided to have the event at St 12. Chief Morgan encouraged everyone to pass the word so we would have a good turnout.

Chief Morgan told the board that all restrictions were lifted due to all the rain. The WMAT was still stage 2 but will lift later in the week.

2. Board Chairman report, included in packet, nothing significant.

VII.

Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting is August 20th

Announcements: Chief Morgan, don't forget the elections and make sure your packets are turned in. If there are not additional candidates to run against the incumbents, the elections department will cancel our election which would save the district some money.

There is also a leadership conference at "The Church" that will be attended by many in our district. Mandatory to our leaders and staff, it is on August 9, and 10th. It will be a wonderful opportunity.

Chief Morgan told the board about the Bull Frog Loop Donation of \$13,113.00, he said part of the money raised came from "have a dinner with the firefighters raffle," the winning bid was \$900.00. The WMFFA receive a portion of the proceeds. The money also has helped with our employee appreciation dinner. They really work hard to donate the money every year. Carla Bowen asked if we could draft a thank you letter for Bull Frog loop group and maybe have them come to the next board meeting.

Ed Cibbarelli wanted to know what we would do with the money. Chief Morgan told them we will use some of it for our appreciation dinner and for retirement gifts. The money will help substantially with many projects.

2. Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn by Carla Bowen at 5:36 pm, seconded by Doug Wright motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Robbins