

Regular Meeting of Pinetop Fire Board
Monday August 11, 2014, 4:30 pm
Pinetop Fire District Station 120
5976 Buck Springs Rd, Pinetop AZ 85935

Members Present: John Rowlinson, Carla Bowen, Bob Scheuneman Scott Powell and Doug Wright

Others Present: See attached sign in sheet.

I. Call the meeting to Order: John Rowlinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call of Board Members: Board members present, John Rowlinson, Doug Wright, Carla Bowen, Scott Powell, and Bob Scheuneman.

II. Call to the Public: None

III. Chairman Report: John Rowlinson provided his board chairman report.

IV. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Special Joint Meeting held on July 10th, Pinetop Fire District board members in attendance. Approval of minutes from July 21, 2014 regular board meeting.**

Bob Scheuneman commented on a statement in the Lakeside minutes of the joint board special session meeting, stating that he does not feel that the statement made concerning Pinetop Fire District's involvement, is not an accurate statement concerning the involvement of the board.

Scott Powell commented that Pinetop Fire District had participated; they had been part of the ESCI study and contributed money for that study.

Doug Wright commented that he had never been contacted as a board member concerning any meetings or discussions on the merger.

Official posting for the special board meeting was from Lakeside Fire District and did not include Pinetop Fire District.

Scott Powell moved to approve minutes from Pinetop Fire District's special meeting, acknowledging receipt of the Lakeside's meeting minutes, however they are not approved by this board. Doug Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0

Doug Wright moved to accept as amended minutes from July 21st board meeting. Carla Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0

- 2. Approval of Warrants paid in July 2014:**

Carla Bowen moved to approve the warrants as presented, Bob Scheuneman

seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. **Approval of financial reports:**

Carla Bowen moved to approve the financial reports, excluding the Capital Reserve Fund report, as it was not received in time to be presented to the board. Doug Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. **Consent Agenda / Board Business**

1. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible action: Personnel disciplinary actions:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), the board may convene into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters.

Chief Morgan recommended going into executive session, as they will be discussing the report of a personnel investigation.

Bob Scheuneman moved, Carla Bowen second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Board adjourned into executive session at 16:52.

Carla Bowen moved to return to public session from executive session. Scott Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Returned to public session at 17:36.

Carla Bowen moved to approve the personnel disciplinary actions as presented by Chief Morgan in executive session, Doug Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible Action: Status of legal actions against TruckWorks:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), the board may convene into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultations for legal advice with an attorney.

Chief Morgan spoke with Peter Kelly this morning, TruckWorks has essentially agreed to our terms including legal fees; however, they posed another question to our attorney wanting us to consider the price difference from 2013 versus a 2014 chassis. Chief Morgan directions back to Mr. Kelly were, we didn't create this problem, and we shouldn't have to bare those costs. This may hold up the process, but Peter Kelley doesn't think TruckWorks will want to continue and will accept the additional cost for the new truck.

Scott Powell questioned if the new chassis will carry the GVW needed asked if Chief Morgan knew what chassis they are proposing to use. Per Chief Morgan that will be something addressed when the negotiation of building the truck begins.

No action was taken by the board.

3. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible Action: Approval of proposal of financial projections on merged districts to include Pinetop Fire District from James Vincent Group**

Pinetop Fire District has received a proposal from Gabe Buldra with James Vincent Group. This is the accounting firm that Lakeside, Show Low and Linden Fire Districts used to create the financial model for Timber Mesa Fire District. This overview would include Pinetop Fire District to see how the financial would look spread-out over the four districts. The scope of work includes meeting with the board and administration to look at financial aspects. Proposal includes detail information on financials that would be reviewed and the reports that would be generated.

Carla Bowen asked if we are past the merging point will consolidation be different financially.

Per Chief Morgan, we are not past the merging process from a legal standpoint. A merger would require a unanimous vote from newly formed board of Timber Mesa and our board.

Bob Scheuneman commented that he would like to know if a merger is still an option or if only consolidation would be considered.

Doug Wright questioned, if the study came back showing it is feasible to merge, would the board consider a merger or consolidation; if not why spend another \$5,000 dollars?

Bob Scheuneman comments: the ESCI study (pg. 168 figure 150), comparison of projected levy rate) shows Lakeside Fire rate goes down 1.1%, Show Low down 1%, Pinetop go up 6.9%. PFD tax rate is the lowest, assessed value is the highest, and our recovery rate the quickest. He only sees there is money to come out of our district and into Timber Mesa District. He does not know why we would do that. The presentation of Timber Mesa Fire District show the tax rate of each fire district would decrease with a merger; however it would go up for PFD. Pinetop Fire District doesn't need to spend \$5000 to see Timber Mesa Fire District can get money from us.

Chief Morgan commented that with a financial study the board would have a solid financial report. This report would show the potential reductions in efficiencies, Workman Comp, insurance cost and reduction of duplication of assets.

Scott Powell commented he is not in favor of spending money when we know the answers.

Scott Powell moved that we do not accept the proposal from James Vincent Group, Bob Scheuneman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Discussion/Consideration/Possible Action: Amendment of Fire Chief Contract ref: participation in ASRS (Arizona State Retirement System)

John Rowlinson stated that he was disappointed that the information on HB 2050 was not provided to the district.

HB2050 requires employees that are retired out of PSPRS to participate in ASRS. The ACR (Alternate Contribution Rate) through PSPRS still is in effect, and is being paid. The total contribution that has to be paid into retirement accounts for retired PSPRS members is 31.25%.

Jason Moore drafted an amendment to the Chief's employment contract to reflect the changes required by HB2050.

Scott Powell moved to accept the amendment to the chief contract. Carla Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

5. *Discussion/Consideration/Possible Action: Scheduling of board work session and or public forum for discussion of ESCI Study*

Bob Scheuneman still thinks it is important to discuss the ESCI Study.

Workshop session on ESCI study will be held Thursday September 25 at 4:30pm.

Carla Bowen would like the public to be informed of the meeting.

Goals / objectives of the workshop to include:

Bob Scheuneman; items of value that are in the study that can be incorporated even if no merger is done.

Scott Powell; looking for anything that can benefit the department.

John Rowlinson; all aspects of the study.

If work session can include call to public, then it will be added as the last agenda item.

Carla Bowen moved to schedule the ESCI work session on Thursday September 25th at 4:30 P.M. at station 120. Scott Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

VI. *Summary of Current Events/Chief Report. Attach to minutes*

1. *Organizational Operations:*
2. *Merger*
3. *Personnel*
4. *Apparatus:* Update: skid unit has been received and is mounted. May be operational next week.

Additional Information on the ISO audit: ISO audit will be a full ISO audit.

VII. *Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas -*

Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday September 15, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.

VIII. *Announcements:* Marc Rova, gave station tour to John Rowlinson's grandkids, he commended him on the tour provided.

Bob Scheuneman; White Mtn County Club is happy with response times from our district. He has received positive discussion from their group.

Chief Morgan informed the board that the crew had a cardiac arrest call that ended up being a save a Safeway. He intends to start the SHARE program, which will

recognize the bystanders that did CPR, as well as the patient as a survivor. It will also encourage more folks to learn CPR.

IX. Adjournment- Scott Powell moved to adjourn; Carla Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 18:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Charlotte Williams

Approved