

Regular Meeting of Pinetop Fire Board
July 15, 2024
Pinetop Fire District Station 12
Video & Conference Available
1845 S. Pine Lake Rd, Pinetop AZ 85935

Call the meeting to Order: John Rowlinson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Roll Call of Board Members; Present John Rowlinson, Carla Bowen, Ben Borrego, and Wayne Booher were present, Edie Webber was excused.

Administration present; Atty Bill Whittington, Sara Simonton (JVG) virtually present. Chief Jim Morgan, and Karen Robbins were present for the meeting.

1. Call to the Public: None

II. Consent Agenda Board Business

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 June 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of June 2024 Warrants paid.

Carla Bowen made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Wayne Booher, Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

III. Board Business

1. Discussion/Consideration/Possible Approval re; June 24 Financial Reports

All reports were included in the board packet. Sara Simonton (JVG) gave a quick summary of the June 2024 financial reports. Some highlights were.

Navajo County Revenue and property tax collection were slightly over budget for June.

Wildland and Grant revenue were slightly under budget by \$164,000.

Ambulance Revenue is improving currently at \$118,025 but is still slightly under budget.

Expenses for June were slightly under budget by \$7739.

Buildings and Land was \$1330 driven by employee travel.

Personnel Expenses are about \$13,000.00 under budget.

Under budget expense categories were offset by Vehicles and Equip Exp which were \$54,000 over slightly from wildland fire expenses. When you see expenses go up you see revenue starts to increase as well. Also driving that category is the turnout and related.

Expenses for new hires including wildland PPE.

Year to date Revenue was \$8,745,748 which is \$390,906 over budget driven by wildland deployments which were also over budget by \$707,934.

Ambulance for the year is increasing and grant income is down by \$237,311, with expected grant income yet to be received.

Year to date Expenses were over as well by \$615,578– driven by personnel and vehicle and Equipment expenses.

Total Cash was \$3,073,750 which is \$265,304 less than this time last year.

Percentages; Personnel 77%, Ops 14%, Admin 6%, and Communication 3%.

Ben Borrego made the motion to accept the June 2024 financial reports as presented. Seconded by Wayne Booher. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

2. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible Approval re: Presentation of FPET Appreciation**

Chief Morgan – The fire prevention group that we met at the June board meeting thanked us and presented Pinetop Fire District with a certificate and a Smokey the Bear sign that we plan to hang up at the St 10 wildland station. They were here 16 hours a day for 14 days, going to different events, groups and public places to educate the public about fire safety. They. The Board thanked them and welcomed them to stay at ST 12 next year.

This is a non-voting item, information only.

3. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible Approval re: Station 10 and Wildland Response Station updates.**

All information is included in the board packet including a preliminary drawing for St 10 from Perlman, chief discussed the steps ahead – getting a committee and getting plans together.

Update for St 10- it is fully operational currently. There are 3 seasonal employees living at the home and paying rent for their share of the rooms and room for a few more. We currently have 18 fuel mitigation employees, and they have been participating in wildland fires and working hard doing local mitigation– if training is successful, we will have two wildland fire mods that can be deployed.

Informational only – no board action.

4. **Discussion/Consideration/Possible Approval re: Ponderosa Water Fire Hydrants.**

Update on Ponderosa Water Company and their hydrants. Ponderosa does a fair job for the district and relations are slowly improving, but they only flow test once every few years randomly. This year they did the hydrant testing on all hydrants as well as the crews.

The Chief told the board that we are working with all the water companies and the State Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal and our District Fire Marshal, maybe we will get some changes in the near future. This is an ongoing discussion.

Informational only no board action.

IV. **Summary of Current Events.**

1. **Fire Chief Report**

The Chief gave a summary of the Bullfrog Loop Parade and donations, this year they collected \$42,000. For the district. It is a great event, and the board should try to attend next year.

2. Board election paperwork, chief hopes everyone got the paperwork turned in.

V. **Announcements.**

Statutory Training in Glendale this year for AFDA/AFCA if anyone is interested, please let us know – July 16-18.

Next Board Meeting is August 19, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Robbins

Approved