



MINUTES OF THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

08/09/23-Open Meeting Minutes to be approved at the open public meeting on Wednesday September 13, 2023. An Open Meeting of the Parker Fire Board convened on August 9, 2023, at the Parker Fire District, located at 1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ., 85344 that convened at 5:30 pm. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting.

Agenda Open Meeting

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 5:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: *Chairman Josh Philipps Amanda Weatherford, Samantha Anderson, Ron Simms, and Ashley Bonds.*

Staff Present: *Chief McMahan (telephonically), Barbara Cole & Angie DeLeon, Asst. Chief Weatherford, FF Holley, and FF Anderson*

Public Present: *Chief Moore from Bullhead Fire*

2. **(Call the Public.** Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. *Those wishing to address the Parker Fire District Board need not request permission in advance Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38- 431.01(H), the Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take an action on any item raised in the call to the public that is not specifically identified on the Agenda. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed at them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. Public input is limited to two (2) minutes unless a greater amount of time is approved by the Board. **The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public that is not on the current Agenda; due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.** No public comment.*
3. (Discussion & Possible Action): Chief Moore from Bullhead City Fire will speak regarding Joint Power of Authority.
Chief Moore reported that a joint powers authority would allow every fire district to maintain its current elected board and tax rate but provide their resources of workforce, assets, and governance to a new fire authority. Chief Moore reported that the Mohave County Fire Officers Association voted unanimously to start the fact-finding study to bring those interested together to find out the facts and benefits to those we serve. Chief Moore reported that all the fire districts in the county south of the Arizona strip along with a couple of fire districts in La Paz County have expressed interest in seeking information for the benefits of a Joint Powers Authority and that a JPA study will be the next step in determining the potential impact and effectiveness of a newly created JPA. Chairman Josh Philipps expressed concerns about the funding due to our current financial situation. Chairman Josh Philipps stated that he would like to ask the surrounding agencies how they would feel about it. Chief McMahan reported that Bouse Fire and Buckskin fire would like to move forward with this study.

A motion was made by Ron Simms to move forward with the study which does not include the finances, along with a second from Amanda Weatherford.

Ayes: Simms, Philipps, Bonds, Anderson, and Weatherford.

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Josh Philipps: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #3.

4. **Consent Agenda:** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda Bill- 23-41 to approve the following:

a: Minutes submitted for Open Meeting held on 07/19/2023.

b: Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 07/1/2023 – 07/31/2023.

A motion was made by S. Anderson to approve Consent Agenda Bill 23-41, along with a second from Ron Simms.

Ayes: Simms, Philipps, Bonds, Anderson, and Weatherford.

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Chairman Josh Philipps: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #4.

5. (Discussion): Discussion regarding purchasing a Generator.

Discussion item was tabled to next month.

6. Chairman's Report:

a: Ask Board Members for ***items to be considered for inclusion on the next agenda.***

b: Schedule the next Regular Session.

Board member Samantha Anderson requested that an item be added to the agenda next month to discuss the possibility of probationers using the parking space and water spicket at the fire department to wash the probation department's vehicles.

Chief McMahan stated that he did not have a problem with the probation department using the parking space and the water spicket and if the board was okay with it that it did not need to be added to the agenda. All board members agreed to allow the probation department to use the parking space and water spicket.

7. Fire Chief's Report:

A: Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log

B: Monthly Activities

C: Other

Assistant Chief Weatherford reported that the Ford Expedition has been stripped, all the stickers have been taken off and that Chief will be putting it up on GSA for auction. Chief Weatherford reported that Firefighters DeLeon, Terriquez and Wolfe have all completed their dive certifications and that next will be their rescue. Chief Weatherford reported that a claim was filed for the garage door and the ladder truck and included in the claim was to get the ladder truck tested. Assistant Chief Weatherford reported that they are waiting to hear back on a fire protection grant for \$177,000 between Buckskin, Bouse and Parker. Assistant Chief Weatherford also reported that they are waiting to hear back on an AFG grant for SCBA's that would include Parker, Bouse, Ehrenberg and Quartzsite. Assistant Chief Weatherford reported that the request for remodeling the EMS quarters for upstairs did not make it past the senator's commission committee.

8. Adjourn. 6:20 pm

Joshua Phillips
~~Joshua Phillips, Chairman~~
ACTING

Date: *9.13.23*

Angie DeLeon
Administrative Assistant

Date: 07/20/2023

Minutes approved by: *Samantha Anderson* Date: *9/13/23*

Minutes approved by: *Amanda Weatherford* Date: *9/13/23*

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING, BRIAN MCMAHAN, FIRE CHIEF OF PARKER FIRE DISTRICT (928) 667-3321 PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. FACILITIES ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE