



## MINUTES OF THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

09/13/23-Open Meeting Minutes to be approved at the open public meeting on Wednesday October 11, 2023. An Open Meeting of the Parker Fire Board convened on September 13, 2023, at the Parker Fire District, located at 1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ., 85344 that convened at 5:34 pm. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting.

### Agenda Open Meeting

1. Call to Order/ Roll call: 5:34 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: *Board members Samantha Anderson, Amanda Weatherford, and Ron Simms. Board Member Ashley Bonds was present telephonically and Chairman Josh Philipps was absent.*

Personnel: *Chief Brian McMahan, Barbara Cole, Angie DeLeon, J. Holley, C. Rather, A. DeLeon, M. Terriquez, T. Irwin, J. Wolfe, and Asst. Chief J. Weatherford.*

Public: *No Public Present*

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. **Consent Agenda:** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda Bill- 23-42 to approve the following:

**a:** Minutes submitted for Open Meeting held on 08/09/2023.

**b:** Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 08/1/2023 – 08/31/2023.

*A motion was made by S. Anderson to approve Consent Agenda Bill 23-42, along with a second from Amanda Weatherford.*

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

*Nays:*

*Absent: Philipps*

*Abstain:*

*Board Member Samantha Anderson: Motion passed by a majority vote on agenda item #3.*

4. (Discussion & Possible Action): Agenda Bill 23-43 Regarding Joint Power of Authority that was discussed at last month's meeting.

*Asst Chief Jason Weatherford stated that we should move forward with the study because it would provide valuable information for the future. Board Member Ron Simms stated that we are fighting a tough battle and that the recourse we need is to regroup with other departments to be able to obtain more funding. Board asked the Chief what Buckskin was doing, and he stated they were waiting on Parker's Board to decide, if yes or no. Board made a motion before anything else was said from Chief McMahan.*

*A motion was made by S. Anderson to approve Agenda Bill 23-42, to approve up to \$5K from the contingency fund for Parker Fire to be included in the feasibility study that the outside consultant would be conducting with the other Fire Departments that were looking to form a JPA, and to have the facilitators bring back the information to the department before moving forward beyond the study, along with a second from Amanda Weatherford.*

*Ayes: Simms, Anderson, and Weatherford.*

*Nays:*

*Absent: Philipps*

*Abstain: Bonds*

*Board Member Samantha Anderson: Motion passed by a majority vote on agenda item #4.*

5. Chairman's Report:

- a: Ask Board Members for ***items to be considered for inclusion on the next agenda.***
- b. Schedule the next Regular Session.

6. Fire Chief's Report:

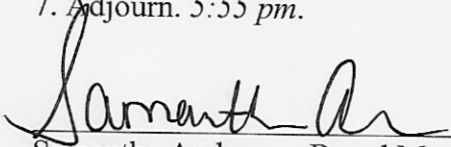
- A: Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log
- B: Monthly Activities
- C: Fire Prevention & Safety Grant
- D: SCBA Grant

*Chief McMahan reported that Lt. Fernandez and the state fire Marshall began fire building inspections and that this is the first step in getting the fire inspections started. Chief McMahan reported that he spoke with Megan Spielman and that he provided her with some strategies on how to save money. Chief McMahan stated that the state fire Marshall will be here on September 26<sup>th</sup> to inspect the fire station. Chief also reported that personnel from Parker Fire and Buckskin Fire will be at the community center putting on a fall prevention class. Chief McMahan reported that Captain Weatherford and Firefighter McConnell moved a rock from a handicap lady's house that they have run several calls on and that Firefighter DeLeon went above and beyond and built the lady a small ramp for her to get in and out. Chief McMahan reported that with the help of Firefighter Rather they received the SCBA grant in the amount of \$470,000, of which the grant will be used for Parker, Bouse, Ehrenberg and Quartzsite. Parker will be getting new air paks, and a fit test machine and that there will be one at every station from the proceeds of the grant. He also stated that they received an AFDA grant for fire prevention for 1,200 smoke and seal detectors and money to pay overtime to have crews install the smoke detectors. The priority will be given to seniors, disabled and low income first. He reported that this is a 2-year grant where they will receive 600 smoke detectors the 1<sup>st</sup> year and 600 smoke detectors the second year. Chief McMahan reported that AWC will be putting on a fire prevention course where they will be certifying 12 fire inspectors.*

*Asst. Chief Weatherford reported that there was a major fire and accident involving a tanker truck and multiple vehicles on September 1<sup>st</sup> where Firefighter DeLeon responded alone. Asst Chief Weatherford commended Firefighter DeLeon for his cool, calm, and collective manner as he assessed the situation*

and pulled the line until more personnel arrived on scene later. Asst Chief Weatherford reported that off duty personnel responded to the station to retrieve the water tender and that Buckskin Fire, CRIT Fire, Parker Police, CRIT Police and River Medical responded to the scene as well. Asst Chief Weatherford reported that the fire was put out and that Parker Fire Personnel remained on scene for a long time afterwards to prevent re-spark.

7. Adjourn. 5:55 pm.

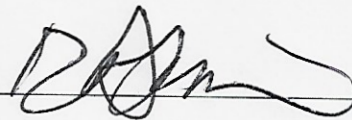
  
Samantha Anderson, Board Member

Date: 10/11/23

Angie DeLeon  
Administrative Assistant

Date: 09/14/2023

Minutes approved by: Amanda Weatherford Date: 10/11/23

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