



MINUTES OF THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

11/15/23-Open Meeting Minutes to be approved at the open public meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2023. An Open Meeting of the Parker Fire Board convened on November 15, 2023, at the Parker Fire District, located at 1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ., 85344 that convened at 5:37 pm. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting.

Agenda Open Meeting

1. Call to Order/ Roll call: 5:37 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Personnel: *Chief Brian McMahan, Barbara Cole, Angie DeLeon, J. Weatherford, B. McConnell, J. Holley, J. Thurman, A. DeLeon, and C. Rather.*

Public: *Estevan Duarte.*

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 comments

3. Consent Agenda: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda Bill- 24-45 to approve the following:

a: Minutes submitted for Open Meeting held on 10/11/2023.

b: Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 10/1/2023 – 10/31/2023.

A motion was made by Ron Simms to approve Consent Agenda Bill 24-45, along with a second from Josh Philipps.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Philipps, and Weatherford.

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Board Member Amanda Weatherford: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #3.

4. (Discussion and Possible Action): Board recognition of resignation letter from current Board member Ashley Bonds and to discuss options moving forward including voting in a Secretary/Clerk to fill vacancy.

A motion was made by Josh Philipps to accept the resignation letter from current Board member Ashley Bonds and to discuss options moving forward including voting in a Secretary/Clerk, along with a second from Ron Simms.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Philipps, and Weatherford.

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Board Member Amanda Weatherford: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #4.

A motion was made by Josh Philipps to appoint Amanda Weatherford as the new secretary/ clerk along with a second from Ron Simms. Amanda Weatherford accepted the appointment.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, and Philipps.

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain: Amanda Weatherford

Board Member Amanda Weatherford: Motion passed by a majority vote on agenda item #4.

5. (Discussion and Possible Action): (Per request from Board Member Weatherford discussion & possible action) regarding the Parker Fire & Buckskin Fire Agreement.

Chief McMahan stated that he was asked to talk about the Buckskin Fire agreement. Chief McMahan reported that we are currently paying Buckskin Fire Department \$120,00.00. Chief McMahan reported that we would pay an additional \$113,000.00 if we were to pay an outside chief. Chairman Josh Philipps stated that one of his concerns is the conversations with San Bernadino and them wanting to raise the costs of the IGA with Buckskin Fire. Chief McMahan reported that San Bernadino is underpaying by \$400,000.00 and the BF board requested that he go after that cost. Chief McMahan stated that his personal opinion is that Parker Fire should be paying more and that his professional opinion is that we don't have any more money to spend. Chairman Josh Philipps asked Chief McMahan why Parker should be paying more. Chief McMahan stated based on the amount of services that are being provided. Chief McMahan stated that the value of the services should be valued more. Chairman Josh Philipps asked Chief McMahan to provide a breakdown of the other services that are being provided. Chief McMahan stated that it would cost Parker Fire \$223,000.00 if we were to hire a full time chief. Chief McMahan stated that Lt. Fernandez from Buckskin provides code enforcement for the department and Captain Weatherford from Buckskin provides training for the department. Chairman Josh Philipps stated that he was glad that they got numbers in case in the future they decide to move in another direction.

6. Chairman's Report:

Chairman Josh Philipps reported that the Fireman's BBQ was a huge success and that the guys worked really hard to make it a success.

Board Member Amanda Weatherford reported that the Trunk or Treat was amazing.

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

Chairman Josh Philipps asked Chief McMahan to provide a breakdown of the other services provided including the training officer, the fire inspector, and other services that Buckskin is providing to Parker at no cost.

- b. Schedule the next Regular Session.
December 13, 2023.

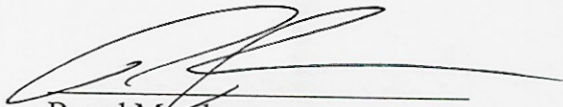
7. Fire Chief's Report:

- A: Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log
- B: Monthly Activities
- C: Parker South

Chief McMahan reported that the solar panels are working and that the APS power bill at this time last year was \$830.00, and it is now \$320.00 so it is saving the department about \$500.00 a month. Chief McMahan reported that the SCBA grant requires a 5% match and an additional cost that comes with that making the total \$5,676.35. Chief McMahan reported that there is already \$10,000 in the budget for the SCBA's and with the additional cost the total will be \$15,676.35. Chief McMahan reported that the fire prevention grant that they applied for will cost Parker Fire \$3,000 in matching money. Chief McMahan stated that they could take the \$8,700.00 out of the contingency fund. Chief McMahan reported that they applied for a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$78,000.00 for a generator. Chief McMahan stated that he was advised of \$14,000 of grant money that won't be used that would be available to us but that we would need to commit to \$60,000.00.

Chief McMahan, after some discussion confirmed with the board members that all board members agree to getting the SCBA's and committing to the Homeland Security grant. Chief McMahan reported that he will be ordering the 16 Air Paks for Parker Fire.

8. Adjourn. 6:10 pm


Board Member

Date: 13 Dec 23

Angie DeLeon
Administrative Assistant

Date: 11/16/2023

Minutes approved by: Samantha Ande Date: 12/13/23

Minutes approved by: R. Summs Date: 12.13.23