



MINUTES OF THE PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

11/13/24- Open Meeting Minutes to be approved at the open public meeting on Wednesday December 11, 2024. An Open Meeting of the Parker Fire Board convened on November 13, 2024, at the Parker Fire District, located at 1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ., 85344 that convened at 5:33 pm. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting.

Agenda Open Meeting

1. Open Meeting/Roll Call: 5:33 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present, *Ron Sims, Jennifer Aspa, and Perry Kaufman. Chairman Samantha Anderson and Allayzia Foster were present telephonically,*

Personnel: *Chief Chamberlin, Barbara Cole, Angie DeLeon, and Jake Holley.*

Public: *No public was present.*

2. (Call to 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.***

There were no public comments.

3. Consent Agenda: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Consent Agenda Bill 25-64 to approve the following:

a: Minutes submitted for Open Meeting held on 09/11/2024.

b: Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 08/01/2024 – 08/31/2024.

c: Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 09/01/2024 – 09/30/2024.

d: Acceptance of monthly expense reports for 10/01/2024 -10/31/2024.

A motion was made by Ron Simms to approve the Consent Agenda Bill 25-64 to approve the minutes submitted for the Open Meeting held on 09/11/2024, and the monthly expense reports for 08/01/2024 – 08/31/2024, 09/01/2024 – 09/30/2024 and 10/01/2024 – 10/31/2024 along with a second from Samantha Anderson.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Foster, Kaufman and Aspa

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #3.

4. (Discussion & Possible Action): Possible approval of Agenda Bill 25-65 acceptance of Regional Grant from AZ Department of Administration, Fire Incident Management System Grant for \$831,000., with no match.

Chief Chamberlin reported that in September 2024, Buckskin Fire District was approved for a technology grant related to firefighter accountability and safety and that during the efforts to secure the grant, staff from the Arizona Department of Administration suggested that since our county is technologically challenged, that perhaps a county-wide opportunity would present itself a more favorable rating when being evaluated & that once approval was obtained, Quartzsite and McMullen Valley opted out of the process. Chief Chamberlin stated that at the request of the Grantor, Buckskin was requested to be the lead agency, and that legal counsel developed an umbrella agreement for each agency to sign into. The grant covers 100% of the purchase, installation, maintenance and usage of technology for response and on-scene tracking of personnel assigned to an incident or designated as responding in and at the end of the 3-year performance period, the hardware would remain with the district, and we will retain the technology to support as deemed appropriate. The components quoted are new laptop computers, cradles, power sources, star-link technology, fully replaceable cell technology with PTT functionality, and a separate communications network for each agency, software for tracking provided by a State of Arizona preferred vendor amongst other support.

Chief Chamberlin stated that this brings us fully compliant with the "Dingle Act" which is a Federally Non-Funded requirement in the future for firefighter safety and accountability, particularly on federal lands and wildland responses.

Chief Chamberlin stated that this opportunity for a technology upgrade county-wide offers the region an excellent chance to continue advancing the best service options available to the community at no cost for 3 years. Chief Chamberlin stated that Buckskin Fire may have to cover some costs; however, the contract provides for a 10-business day turnaround for any completed reimbursement.

There was some discussion and questions from Board Member Jennifer Aspa.

A motion was made by Allayzia Foster to approve Agenda Bill 25-65 acceptance of Regional Grant from AZ Department of Administration, Fire Incident Management System Grant for \$831,000., with no match, along with a second from Ron Simms.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Foster, Kaufman and Aspa

Nayes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #4.

5. (Discussion & Possible Action): Possible approval of Agenda Bill 25-66 to accept the FYE 2025 GOHS Highway Safety Grant for Extrication Package (Jaws of Life Equipment) for \$56,788 with no match.

Chief Chamberlin reported that acceptance of this grant allows for the purchase of a set of auto extrication equipment to replace the current system in place. This is the new and current technology that will afford rapid extrication of patients and scene management in an expeditious manner.

Chief Chamberlin stated that the new platform is much lighter and user friendly and allows for a more rapid deployment since a separate hydraulic powerplant is no longer required and the battery pack would last longer than a typical extrication event would take to complete. There would be no match required for the purchase of the equipment, but that some minor modifications would be necessary to safely secure the new equipment to the engine.

Chief Chamberlin also stated that a press release is required to be submitted to and approved by AZGOHS prior to our purchase.

Ayes: Simms, Anderson, Foster, Kaufman and Aspa

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #5.

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.

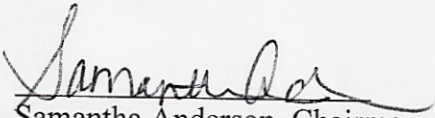
7. Fire Chief's Report:

A: Summary of Incident Report/Activity Log

B: Monthly Activities

Some of the subjects touched on were that technology upgrade is an ongoing issue, Imagetrend progress & trouble shooting. He also discussed that he would be sending 4 firefighters to training to become fire inspectors I & II, along with sending 3 firefighters to training to become full Arson Investigators I & II. He also reported the status of the completed AEMT classes and outcome, with 2 Firefighters to be retesting.

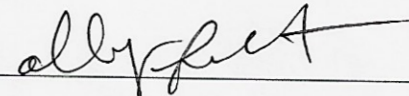
8. Adjourn. 6:13 pm.


Samantha Anderson, Chairman

Date: 12/11/24

Angie DeLeon
Administrative Assistant

Date: 11/14/2024

Minutes approved by:  Date: 12/11/24

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