

Palominas Fire District
Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board
Palominas, Arizona
Regular Board Minutes
Thursday, Feb 28, 2019

ACRONYMS EOP/AOP...Emergency Operation Procedures/Administration Operating Procedures
A.R.S.....Arizona Revised Statutes ALS/BLS...Advance Life Support/Basic Life Support
ISOInsurance Services Office COLA..... Cost of Living Adjustment ALS/BLS...Advance
Life Support/Basic Life Support SCBA..... Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IGA...Intergovernmental Agreement DOL..... Department of Labor
FLSA...Fair Labor Standards Act

1. Call to Order:

- a) **Roll Call/Confirmation of Quorum:** Robert Montgomery, Tommy Stoner, Valerie Rice, David Walker, Chief De Wolf, Vicki Rutter, Jon Buonaccorsi, Brittany Archer. Cathy Chouinard was absent.
- b) **Moment of silence**
- c) **Pledge of allegiance**

Call to the Public. Tom Felix was present. He had no comments.

2. Action accepting Minutes (Monthly): Valerie Rice made a motion to accept the January 2019 minutes. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion. Valerie Rice: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye, David Walker: Aye. Cathy Chouinard was absent.

3. Monthly financial reports and consideration of district financial matters pursuant to A.R.S.§48-807: Capital Reserve balance is still the same as last month, M&O is down \$91,000. No changes in the assigned fund balances. Robert Montgomery made a motion to accept the January 2019 Financials. David Walker seconded the motion. Robert Montgomery: Aye, David Walker: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye.

4. Fire Chief Report: All items are for discussion and dialogue between Chief, Staff, and Board. The Fire Chief will give a status report regarding various areas of the District's operations including but not limited to, the following areas: We had 42 runs last month. 15 were out of 191, 12 out of 193. 15 runs were into Fry's district. We're working on purchase of the new engine and making some adjustments. Pricing was at \$413,00, but we have gotten them down to \$411,000. If we get financed up front, he will drop another \$10,000 off the price. Nothing new in Facilities. Personnel: we have some new recruits in. One person has resigned due to family medical issues. PSPRS: No movement this past month. IGA: The IGA between Palominas Fire and Sonoita-Elgin Fire is going well. We recently had a good meeting with SEACOM. We discussed a lot of dead areas that we have, and have been trying to come up with ideas on how to fix the issues.

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5. **Discussion on the 2019 Levy Limit Worksheet / 4 Year Levy History:** The biggest problem we have is minimum wage increase in January 2020. We will have to touch on everyone's pay to make it fair across the board.
 6. **Discussion and possible action on IGA for auto aid with Fry Fire District:** We ran 155 runs last year into Fry's area. 125 of those calls were from 193. Chief De Wolf's recommendation is to allow him to continue having meetings with Chief Savage to move us to mutual aid instead of auto aid. Some of the calls we're going into their area for are basic calls instead of structure fires. If things change, we can always go back to auto aid. Tommy Stoner suggests drafting the mutual aid agreement before canceling the auto aid. Tommy Stoner made a motion to authorize Chief De Wolf to negotiate mutual aid with Fry Fire District in attempt to replace our auto aid with them. Tommy Stoner would like to keep this item on the agenda over the next few months. Valerie Rice seconded the motion. Tommy Stoner: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, David Walker: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye.
 7. **Discussion and possible action applying for an AFG R&R Grant:** This is a federal FEMA grant. It is a 4 year grant at no expense to the district. We prove our compliance quarterly. Tommy Stoner made a motion to authorize Chief De Wolf to apply for the AFG R&R grant. Robert Montgomery seconded the motion. Tommy Stoner: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, David Walker: Aye.
 8. **Discussion HR policies / Board Polices R.** Table until next month.
 9. **Open meeting laws - Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 10 a.m.** at the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room located at 1415 Melody Lane, Building G in Bisbee: Just a reminder to attend if you can.
- 10. Adjournment.** David Walker made a motion to adjourn. Tommy Stoner seconded the motion. David Walker: Aye, Tommy Stoner: Aye, Valerie Rice: Aye, Robert Montgomery: Aye. Cathy Chouinard was absent.

Minutes approved on _____ 2019, by Tommy Stoner, Board Clerk