

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CHRISTOPHER KOHL'S FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD.

A Regular Meeting of the Christopher Kohl's District Governing Board convened **May 20, 2019**, at **3:30pm** at the Fire Station 51 Community Room.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order 3:30pm, Monday, May 20, 2019, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A. Board Members: Chairman Ron Kotnik
 Financial Officer Larry Hannum
 Clerk Tom James
 Board Member Steve Sundra
 Board Member Sheila Marcum

B. Department Members in attendance: Chief Bob Lockhart, Administrative Assistant Deanna White, Captain Rhett Connolly, EMT Ben Perry, Medic Mark Hansen, and Volunteer Dave Elston

C. Members of the Public in attendance: Karen Thornton, Douglas Frenz, Red Armistead, Janet Bradford, Debbie Richardson, Helen Groom, Joanie Price, Rod Britain, James Oliver, Larry Waltemeyer and Juanita, Margot Holmes, Keith and Rhonda Mead, Tammy Milhon, Rosemary Elston, Pamela Milhon, Ann Coury, Linda James, and Susan Keown

The following matters were discussed, considered, and approved at the meeting:

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019. Steve brought to the Board's attention, page three, "Call to the Public" second bulleted item, last sentence, an addition of the wording in bold and italicized: "Also, from last meeting, she reiterated the emergency number to dial ***for cell phone users*** is 928-474-5177- not '911"; Tom made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019 with additional wording and was seconded by Sheila.

Vote results:

Ayes: Steve Sundra, Tom James, Larry Hannum, Ron Kotnik, Sheila Marcum

Nays: None

Reports and Correspondence

A. Financial Officer's Report

Larry Hannum reviewed the status of all District bank accounts for April. Larry read the Financial Report. Steve asked Chief about "Profit \$ Loss Budget vs. Actual," page 3, 'Professional Services, Website & Web Hosting' and the amount of \$203.88 vs. last month's \$291.55 total. Chief replied that this amount is the result of a *Quick Book's* computation. Steve made a Motion to accept the March 18, 2019 Financial Report and was seconded by Sheila.

Vote results:

Ayes: Steve Sundra, Tom James, Larry Hannum, Ron Kotnik, Sheila Marcum

Nays: None

B. Chief's Report

Chief Lockhart discussed Department activity for April. The list below highlights this month's Chief's Report (not in any particular order):

- The Firebelles' pancake breakfast held on the 20th was well-attended.
- Chief has been working with an outside consultant for the CKFD website *free of charge* to make using the website easier for residents.
- The District was awarded a *Firewise* grant of \$210,700 for the following developments: Colcord Mountain Homesites, Hunter Creek, and Chamberlain Ranch.
- CKFD secured a new mobile repeater for free.
- CKFD was able to inspect and test drive an HME Ahrens-Fox engine and is currently checking another Type 1 Engine located in Cottonwood.
- Budget workshops are scheduled for June 6th, 5pm, and June 8th, 2pm, held at Station 51. Public is encouraged to attend.

With the District's continued search for a new engine, Sheila made mention that Chief Rodriguez of Forest Lakes Fire District may offer the possibility of purchasing his "newer-used" engine. Chief responded with his knowledge of possible sale.

C. Chairman's Report & District Correspondence

Ron acknowledged that no correspondence was received. Sheila announced that this is the five-year anniversary for Captain Rhett Connolly and EMT Ben Perry. Ron added that the majority of money the Firebelles raise goes to help defray our District's employees' costs for further education.

Chief Lockhart directed the Board to the two letters from the Gila County Attorney's office to the CKFD: one addressing DR 110300023 and the other DR 140700148. In both cases, Dan Benjamin, Deputy County Attorney states, "After reviewing this report, this office has made a preliminary decision **not** to proceed with felony prosecution of the suspect." No Board discussion took place nor was a decision necessary.

BUSINESS

Item #1: Discussion and possible action regarding Policy 40.15 Emergency Leave Assistance.

After Larry's questions regarding the legality of Policy 40.15, Chief replied it has already been in place and is legal. Steve made a Motion to approve **Policy 40.15 Emergency Leave Assistance** and was seconded by Sheila.

Vote results:

Ayes: Steve Sundra, Tom James, Larry Hannum, Ron Kotnik, Sheila Marcum

Nays: None

Item #2: Review and possible action on Resolution 125 which replaces Resolution 120 for the purpose of determining wages for workers' compensation insurance premium payments and compensation benefits.

Chief Lockhart made a brief explanation; after which, Steve made a motion to approve Resolution 125, and was seconded by Tom.

Vote results:

Ayes: Steve Sundra, Tom James, Larry Hannum, Ron Kotnik, Sheila Marcum

Nays: None

Item #3: Discussion and possible action regarding Susan Keown's information about the District's use of donated land at Station 53, specifically bid for well and composting toilet.

Ron asked Chief to investigate both well with storage for water and male and female toilet facilities. Chief responded this will be an item for next fiscal year's budget. No Board action was necessary.

Item #4: Discussion and possible action regarding two letters from the Gila County Attorney in

regards to case #DR140700148 and case #DR110300023.

Item #4 was addressed earlier during "Chairman's Report & District Correspondence."

Item #5: Further discussion and possible action regarding proposed fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget.

Chief Lockhart directed Board page by page through 2019-20 Proposed Budget Draft. The Chief emphasized that the proposed Levy Rate of \$3.05 would enable this Budget to balance. Some discussion took place. Both the proposed Levy Rate of \$3.05 and 2019-20 Proposed Budget Draft will be future Agenda Items for June Board Meeting.

Call to the Public:

The following Members of the Public, including two employees, made comments: Tammy Milhon, James Oliver, Larry Waltemeyer, Pamela Milhon, Margot Holmes, Ann Coury, Karen Thornton, Dave and Rosemary Elston, and Captain Rhett Connolly. Generally, comments were in support of the Fire District, its employees, and job performance.

Adjournment:

Steve made a Motion to adjourn meeting and was seconded by Tom.

Vote Results:

Ayes: Steve Sundra, Tom James, Larry Hannum, Ron Kotnik, Sheila Marcum

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 3:30 pm.

Approved by _____ **on** _____ **2019**