

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GROOM CREEK FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD
Tuesday October 07, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Groom Creek Fire District Board of Directors was called to order on Tuesday, October 07, 2008 at 7:30 PM, at 1110 E. Friendly Pines Road - Prescott, Arizona.

Agenda: Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Groom Creek Fire Board of Directors: Chairman Bob Schulz, Vice-Chairman Gary Williams and Board Clerk Terry Hammon. Chief Bentley represented the Fire District.

Approval of minutes of Previous Regular Meeting:

Terry Hammon, seconded by Gary Williams, made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 02, 2008 Regular Meeting and it passed unanimously.

Public Appearances

There were no Scheduled Appearances from the public.

Unscheduled Appearances: Mr. and Mrs. Cobasky of Coburn Drive were present at the meeting and questioned the Board and the Fire Chief about the tax levy increase. Chief Bentley and the Board members addressed the questions from the Cobaskys and provided information related to fire district operations and budgeting.

Chief's Report

1. **Firefighter's Association/Park Committee Update** - Chief Bentley informed the Board that the Groom Creek Park Committee raised \$440 from the 10k Run and generated \$1418.22 for the 100 Club of Arizona. He stated the the Spaghetti Dinner raised about \$500 for the park committee.
2. **Grant Update** – The Fire Chief discussed the various grant application status noting that the district has been awarded \$7700 for a thermal imaging camera from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.
3. **Miscellaneous** –
 - Chief Bentley updated the board with the progress on the appeal to the IRS for the penalty fee waiver and stated that the IRS has forwarded the request for penalty abatement further.
 - Chief Bentley advised the Board of the smooth transition with the new employees and the appointment of Joe Hernandez to the open Captain position that was vacated by Jason Williams. Joe was a previous candidate for the position.

Financial Reports

Account Balances as of 10/01/08:
General Fund – (96,524.81)
Compass Bank – 2,154.10
Reserve Fund – 1,154.60
Accounts Receivable –84,084.06

1. Budget Report – Comparative budget report for the last two fiscal years was provided along with a year-to-date budget report.

Old Business

1. **Fire Board Elections** – Chief Bentley told the board that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors has cancelled the November Board Member Election and appointed Robert Schulz and Gary Williams to an additional 4 year term.
2. **3rd Party Financing Update**– Chief Bentley stated that Wells Fargo Public Finance was waiting for copies of our audited financial statements in order to close out the Station 43 and communications lease-purchase agreement. The Chief reported that the auditor was contacted and the financials would be available any day.

New Business

None

Board Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Gary Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Hammon seconded the motion and it carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Dated this 7th day of October 2008 by: _____ Board Clerk.

Terry Hammon