

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GROOM CREEK FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD
Tuesday, April 05, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Groom Creek Fire District Board of Directors was called to order on Tuesday, April 05, 2011 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 Robert Schulz, Vice-Chairman Gary Williams. Board Clerk Terry Hammon was absent. Chief Bentley represented the Fire District.

Approval of minutes of Previous Regular Meeting:

Gary Williams, seconded by Bob Schulz, made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March, 2011 Regular Meeting and it passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes of Special Meeting:

Gary Williams made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March, 23, 2011. Bob Schulz seconded the motion and it passed.

Public Appearances

None

Chief's Report

- 1) **New Station Update** – Chief Bentley stated that discussion at the budget workshop about the District's finances will prevent us from moving forward and has notified all parties involved. He said we would still be receiving the rendering of the station from the contractor hired earlier in the fiscal year for the design.
- 2) **Grant Update** – Chief Bentley discussed the recent grant award from Yavapai County for \$22,250 for the compilation of fuels and response data into a Community Wildfire Protection plan. He provided updates to existing grants as well.
- 3) **Miscellaneous** – Chief Bentley told the Board about the upcoming Firewise Day event and the presentation that will be made by Chief Don Howard of the Summit Fire District whose community was affected by the Schultz Fire and flood last year in the Flagstaff area.

Financial Reports

1) **Account Balances as of 04/04/2011:**

General Fund – (116,791.37)

Compass Bank – 3033.63

Line of Credit – (100,000.00)

Reserve Fund – 11.18

Accounts Receivable – 15,417.78

- 2) **Budget Report** –A year to date budget report was discussed. Chief Bentley discussed the tax revenue to be received and the outstanding grant billing that will be received by the fiscal year end.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. **2011-2012 Proposed Budget** – Chief Bentley presented the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He provided details of the 21% decline in property values effect on the preparation of the budget and detailed all of the employee concessions and other reductions in expenses that are being made in order to maintain our staffing levels. He reported that the levy rate increase that was proposed at the budget workshop from 2.50 to 2.85 (up 14%) was taken into account for preparation of the budget; however, the average landowner will still receive a tax decrease of 7% from last year. Chief Bentley stated that he will post information about the budget on the website as soon as possible to get any public feedback at the May meeting.

Board Clerk Terry Hammon sent a proxy vote in support of the proposed budget. Gary Williams made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget. Bob Schulz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments

none

Adjournment

Gary Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Robert Schulz seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Dated this 8th day of April 2011 by: _____ Board Clerk.
Terry Hammon