

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GROOM CREEK FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD**

Tuesday, November 05, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Groom Creek Fire District Board of Directors was called to order on Tuesday, November 06, 2013 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 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 October 01, 2013 Regular Meeting and it passed unanimously.

Public Appearances

None

Chief's Report

1) Chief Bentley reported that there were 8 EMS calls for service and one call for a bee problem. He also reported on the Crew evaluations that were performed in the last week of October with the Training Officer. The Chief noted a structure fire call with approximately 1/4 acre of wildland fire that was successfully mitigated the previous weekend.

2) Chief Bentley updated the Board on the status of three grants. The AFG grant for communications would be completed soon with about \$9000 remaining in the grant for station alerting and additional portable radios. The State Farm grant application for the Firewise/Fuels Management program was submitted. A 100 Club of Arizona grant was in progress of being compiled for a breathing air cascade system and scba refill station along with technician training to repair and maintain our scba equipment.

3) Chief Bentley met with the AZ State Forestry Division and informed the Board of the legislative action that was being pursued to increase the state Fire Find from \$4 to \$15 million dollars as a means of receiving more timely payments.

Financial Reporting

1. Account Balances as of 11/04/13:

- a. General Fund – (279,618.17)
- b. Compass Bank – 12,839.42
- c. Line of Credit – (100,000.00)
- d. Reserve Fund – 202.97
- e. Accounts Receivable – 201,725.06
- f. Taxes Receivable – 419,711.11

2. Financial Reports - Month Ending September 30, 2013 .

Chief Bentley presented the Board with the financial reports as required by HB 2572 implementation. *Terry Hammon made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, Gary Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.*

Old Business –

1. **Financial Plan - Wildland Responses** - The Chief stated that he and the staff discussed the options available for compliance with the County Treasurer's requirements. They have determined that the district will not be available for out of district wildland fire responses until after July 1, 2014 as a means of ensuring the district meets the cash flow obligation. Additionally, the personnel who respond to these fires after that date will wait until the district is reimbursed until they are compensated for off-district pay and travel expenses until such time that the district has sufficient cash reserves to make more timely payments.

2. **Additional Revenue Sources** - Chief Bentley and the Board discussed additional options available in order to provide non-levy revenues to the district.

New Business -

1. **Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial** - The Chief informed the Board of the plans to erect a memorial for the Granite Mountain Hotshots. The effort is being made by private donations and coordinated by the Groom Creek Firefighter's Association.

Board Member Comments

None.

Adjournment

Gary Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Hammon seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Dated this 8th day of November 2013 by: _____ Board Clerk.
Terry Hammon