

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
GROOM CREEK FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD  
Tuesday, March 03, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Groom Creek Fire District Board of Directors was called to order on Tuesday, March 03, 2015 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, Board Vice-Chairman Gary Williams, Board Clerk Terry Hammon and Fire Chief Todd 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 February 03, 2015 Regular Meeting and it passed unanimously.*

**Public Appearances**

None.

**Chief's Report**

- 1) **Operations Update** – Chief Bentley reported that there were 3 EMS Calls for Service 1 Fire Alarm call and 1 Public Assist during February.
  
- 2) **Grant Update** - Chief Bentley stated that Tornado Damage Grant Agreement has been signed and that he is working on the logistics with the crew. The chief also mentioned that the SAFER Grant application was submitted.
  
- 3) **Miscellaneous** - Chief Bentley spoke about the Staff Meeting and the discussion with the personnel about benefits for the upcoming year including Vacation and Insurance. Chief Bentley said that the District will ensure equity for those members in the HSA plan and the PPO plan by contributing an equal amount into the HSA that would represent the difference in the PPO plan premium. Captain Culbertson spoke about the refurbishing of the breathing air compressor and Firefighter Johnstone reported on the needed for a new roof on station 41 and the septic tank needing to be pumped out.

**Financial Reporting**

**1. Account Balances as of 03/02/2015:**

- a. General Fund – (199769.47)
- b. Compass Bank Payroll – 3,035.58
- c. Compass Bank Wildland – 18,629.18
- d. Line of Credit – (100,000.00)
- e. Reserve Fund – 208.29
- f. Accounts Receivable – 118,177.96
- g. Taxes Receivable – 165,709.96

**2. Financial Reports - January 2015**

The January 2015 financial statements were provided by email and reviewed. *Terry Hammon made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, Gary Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Old Business –**

**1. Walker Merger -** Chief Bentley received the financial information from the County and reported that the area proposed to be annexed had over 40% more properties and only 10% more in valuation than the existing boundaries. Chief Bentley reported that although there would be potential savings by the merger, there would also be some capital expenses that would have to be taken into consideration. The prospect did not leave room for fluctuations in the housing values and was based on 2016 valuations. The Chief recommended to the Board that since there would be no benefit to the Groom Creek area by way of a lower tax rate, that he would not want to pursue the issue further. ***Bob Schulz made a motion to discontinue the annexation and it was seconded by Terry Hammon. The vote was unanimous.***

**New Business -**

**1. Budget Workshop Meeting -** Chief Bentley requested the budget workshop to be held by the end of March. The Date was set as March 27th at 10:00 am.

**Board Member Comments -** Terry Hammon reported that the District received a \$250 donation from a visitor who stopped by the station and was given a tour and apparatus ride by Firefighter Johnstone. He stated that the visitors greatly appreciated the effort from the District personnel.

**Adjournment**

***Gary Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Bob Terry Hammon. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.***

**Dated this 6th day of March 2015 by: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Clerk.**

Terry Hammon