

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

Monday August 5,, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Groom Creek Fire District Board of Directors was called to order on Monday August 5, 2019 at 6 P.M., at 1110 E. Friendly Pines Road - Prescott, Arizona.

Agenda: Regular Meeting –

Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

-Present at the meeting were the following members of the Groom Creek Fire Board of Directors, Board Chairman Andy Nilsen, Board Treasurer Jennifer Haslip, Board Clerk Tom Price, Board member Michael Valenza absent. This represents a quorum and the meeting was continued and chaired by Board Chairman Andy Nilsen, according to district bylaws.

Approval of minutes of Previous Meetings:

-The minutes of Executive Board meeting dated July 9, 2019. Motion by Board Chairman Andy Nilsen Seconded by Board Treasurer Jennifer Haslip, No discussion, vote was all in favor, Motion passed, Minutes approved as written.

Public Appearances: None

Chief's Report:

- Call for Service : Numerous calls for wires down, and no power due to the wave of the past heavy storms. Many calls for assistance due to a large number of District residents that are dependant on oxygen concentrators.
- Chief has been in contact with Jeff Spohn an influential member of APS. Mr. Stone indicated that when we experience these type of power outages to let him know, they will do their best to expedite restoration of power as soon as possible. In addition they will keep track of the number and locations of the issues to better address them and help resolve further problems.
- Chief Manzanedo received a call from Country Bank in reference to our current loan with them. They indicated that we have not paid any interest for some time. The total of the delinquent payments at this time are a total of \$9,484.21. Chief Manzanedo was under the impression that we were on a quarterly schedule for the interest payments and the bank had it on a monthly program. Further more at our last audit we were instructed not to pay any interest by the auditor due to the way they understood the loan agreement. Chief Manzanedo indicated this to the bank representative and that he also found it odd that the bank had not contacted or sent the District any notification of the delinquency on these payments in question. Chief spoke to the bank in length that this is a difficult time for us financially due to the budget that has been in effect. He also indicated that

he would urge the bank to work with us to resolve this issue. He informed the bank that the District will be in a better financial position this November due to the District is due to receive tax money at that time. This is under consideration with the representatives. Chief does not have any further information at this time due to the representative being on vacation. Board Director Andy Nilsen questioned if we wanted to try to pay off the outstanding current interest so it does not accrue further compound interest until November 2019. After board discussion it was decided that the District should wait on action until after speaking with the bank representative when she returns from vacation.

- Chief Manzanedo stated that during the recent Cellar Fire that the District did try to keep the community up to date on the status of our situation. The District did get a request for the water tender but it was declined after it not being of an optimum water capacity for their needs.

Financial Reporting:

Board Treasurer Jennifer Haslip had indicated that she had not received the financials from the District CPA prior to the meeting so she requested that it be tabled until the next scheduled meeting. Board Treasurer Jennifer Haslip also indicated that she will working of the figures need for the up coming audit.

Old Business: None

New Business: Captain Joshua Kreuger President of the Groom Creek Fire Fighters association gave a presentation the board and the public on a Memorandum of Understanding they would like to be placed in in effect to represent the Captains and the Fire Fighters. Board Chairman Andy Nilsen had met with Captain Kreuger prior to the public presentation to discuss and make minor corrections to the document. The board and Chief Manzanedo have no problem with current document at this time. A motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Board Clerk Tom Price, no discussion and vote all in favor, motion passed. The document was signed and initialed by Board Chairman Nilsen, Chief Manzanedo and Captain Kreuger.

Board Member Comments: Board Chairman Andy Nilsen indicated that he would be out of town beginning Tuesday August 6, 2019 until August 20, 2019 for a short time but available by phone if needed.

Community Comments: Mr. Jerry Schultz wanted to thank the Fire Chief, Captains and Fire Fighters for their outstanding level of expertise and dedication to the community. Mr. Schultz also wanted to thank them for their rapid response to residents in need during the recent storms. He also wanted to applaud them for keeping the District Website up to date enabling the community about important information.

Adjournment :

-Board Chairman Andy Nilsen made a motion to adjourn. Board Treasurer Jennifer Haslip seconded the motion and there was no discussion, vote was all in favor the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Dated August 6, 2019 by: Thomas Price Board Clerk, Thomas Price

