

PINE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT

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2-29-16 MINUTE

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Tom McLarty, Tom Beller, Jack Graham, Sherri LaFlamme, Ron Kutil present. Quorum present.

MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON 2-26-16

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1-16

A motion made by Tom Beller to approve the minutes, 2nd by Jack Graham, without discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

PLFD FINANCIAL REPORTS: 1-16

A motion was made by Tom Beller to approve the financial reports and 2nd by Jack Graham, without discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

PLFD FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: The night practice went very well and comments from standby personnel were very positive. NFPA standards require us to have at least two night practices a year.

PLFD is working with AMR to set up AED/CPR classes for community members. All PLFD personnel are certified.

New AEDs were purchased with a WACAM grant and will be arriving shortly.

3-22-16 at 6:30 PM an Incident command class will take place at Station 62, for PLFD Officers and personnel.

Several residents have donated money to help purchase an infrared camera. Chief Sticka will be applying for to the 100 Club for a grant to also put towards the purchase.

PLFD has concerns with the growth at Mohave County Park. Additional discussion will occur under New Business.

Thanks to Louise Moran and Paul Mackesey for their dedication and hard work on the fuel grants. They have managed to return the \$20,000 investment. Chief Sticka would like to continue to have these monetary funds set aside for future grant use.

Community members continue to be encouraged to participate in the PLFD.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman McLarty requested that New Business be moved forward as we had 3 guests present to discuss item #4 on the agenda. The Board voted unanimously to accommodate the changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and possible approval of PLFD's application for the 2016-2017 Hazardous Fuel Grant. Chief Sticka reported that while the two Hazardous Fuel Grant have cleared a significant amount of fuel inside the community on homeowner's property and created a fuel break on the

north side of the community. Chief Sticka would like to continue to remove fuels up Hualapai Mountain road as a new project. This project consists of 6 acres, 4.2 acres are on Hualapai Mountain road, the main ingress and egress for our community. The cost could be as high as \$6,000 per acre as flagmen and road teams would be required along the road for safety issues. This would be a 90/10 grant. Following discussion a motion to approve the grant application process was made by Ron Kutil, 2nd by Sherri LaFlamme and was unanimously approved by the Board.

- b. Discussion and possible approval of PLFD's application for the 100 Club grant for an infrared camera. Tom McLarty questioned the necessity of the camera. Chief Sticka stated the camera would assist PLFD personnel in detecting injured residents or pets in a structure fire and in search and rescue efforts. Chief Sticka reported that we have \$1200.00 towards the purchase. Tom Beller made a motion to approve the grant application process for the infrared camera, 2nd by Ron Kutil. The motion carried unanimously by the Board.
- c. Discussion of Hualapai Investments lot adjacent to the fire department. Ron Kutil spoke on behalf of Hualapai Investments and requested the item be tabled.
- d. Discussion and update of Mohave County RV Park. Invited guests are Jean Bishop, County Supervisor; Byron Steward, Mohave County Emergency Management and Steve Latoski, Mohave County Public works. Chief Sticka contacted the county to ask about what was occurring at the Mohave County Park as they were placing large amount of vegetation in the burn pile.

Steve Lakoski apologized to the Board and community for failing to provide information of the plans to make changes to Mohave County Park. The civil engineering project was contracted to an outside firm Mohave Engineering. Flood Control has been involved in the planning and plans to create a basin with 36" drain pipes to control water runoff. These are meant to slow the speed and amount of water discharged from the basin. In addition, they plan to place 10,000 cubic yards of soil into Pine Basin. He provided the Board with a map showing the plans.

Tom Beller questioned why this dirt could not be disposed of behind the park.

Jack Graham questioned the impact on Wheeler wash and the community during heavy rains.

Tom McLarty questioned if the retention basin was like a levy and could it be breached and impact homes.

John Sticka questioned about the increased amount of silt following a heavy rain.

Tom McLarty questioned what will be done with current ashes and new debris if could not be burned by March 2016.

Byron Steward questioned as to whether the ashes at the burn pile were to be removed or pushed over the edge.

Steve Latoski was unable to provide specific information to many questions. A meeting will be scheduled with Mohave County and all interested parties in the near future.

John Sticka expressed concerns about PLFD response to the park for emergencies and fire incidents. Data provided by the park indicates 37,907 vehicles entered the park in 2014. This increased to 48,533 in 2015. This does not account for the number of people in each vehicle.

Park attendance and revenue have increased significantly. At this time PLFD and Pinon Pines are not compensated for responding to park emergencies. The park is outside the districts of Pine Lake and Pinon Pines. Supervisor Jean Bishop and Byron Steward stated they would contact the Park and county officials about compensation. In addition, Tom McLarty and Chief Sticka are concerned about the ingress and egress to the new RV Park and whether PLFD vehicles can enter and leave safely. Both expressed interest in whether an assessment had been made by a fire marshal in regards to safely entering and leaving the area.

Supervisor Bishop discussed county responsibilities for snow clearing on county roads. She stated they have two snow plows dedicated to the area. Steve Latoski mentioned asked how this was working and the Board replied they recommend the county goes back the grader.

The PLFD Board thanked Supervisor Jean Bishop, Byron Steward and Steve Latoski for meeting with them and looked forward to more informational meetings in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible approval of PLFD Travel Policy. Tabled until next Board meeting.
- b. Discussion and possible approval of PLFD Open Fire Pit Policy. Tabled until next Board meeting.
- c. Update on Levi Levi water tank. Chief Sticka reported it doesn't appear to be leaking at a great speed. However, they only put 800 gallons in the tank. The valve has been removed and no leaking noted from that site. Ron Kutil questioned if the leak is found to be the bottom of the tank could it be repaired. Tom McLarty stated there are OSHA guidelines regarding entering an enclosed space. Chief Sticka stated anyone entering the tank would need enclosed space training. Chief Sticka discussed replacing the tank. Ron Kutil made a motion to continue to observe the water level in the tank, 2nd by Jack Graham and carried unanimously by the Board.
- d. Discussion and possible approval of Fire Chiefs Evaluation. (Executive Session)
Tom Beller made a motion to enter into executive session, 2nd by Sherri LaFlamme and carried unanimously by the Board.

Executive session entered at 7:30 PM

Ron Kutil made a motion to exit the executive session, 2nd by Tom Beller and carried unanimously by the Board. Executive session ended at 7:33 PM

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented

CALL TO PUBLIC

Jackie Kinard expressed concerns the community be informed of the changes that may occur with the current park development plan.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ron Kutil advised the Board the golf tournament would be on July 16, 2016.

Sherri LaFlamme discussed recognition of PLFD volunteers.

Tom Beller restated his concerns about the Mohave County Park projects

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Graham, 2nd by Tom Beller, carried unanimously by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

CLERK OF THE BOARD _____

NOT APPROVED