

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on November 5th, 2012 at 1800 hours

Roll call: (11) Firefighters (0) Explorer(s) (3) CERTs (4) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read.

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$424,303.62 _ Payroll account \$27,917.82 _ Recreation account \$6,195.29 _ Volunteer Pension account \$198,131.71

Drill Schedule: Nov 8 and 13 at 1800 hours. November 18 at 0800 hours

Explorer Report: By Brent

Last Month Call Load Report: 46. Total calls year to date: 447

CERT Report: By Doug

New Business:

- Call to the public: None.
- This will be the last Public Meeting of the current two person Governing Board. Future meetings will be held monthly as required by ARS Title 48, but not necessarily on the first Monday of the month. The newly elected Fire Board will determine a meeting date, time and location and a Meeting Notice will posted in three public places. The newly elected five person Fire Board will be sworn in on December 1st, 2012.
- A form letter called a Letter of Declaration required each year by the Pinal County Treasurers Office was signed by the Governing Board.
- Update on the progress of the Civil Engineering firms that are preparing a Grading and Drainage Report and a Site Plan for the Plan Review required by Pinal County prior to the issuance of a building permit for the new storage building. *Arroyo Engineering has completed their portion of the work and they have submitted a 49 page report to Greiner Engineering. Grenier should have the finalized report done within the next few weeks. Once completed, these engineering documents will be re-submitted to Pinal County for another Site Plan Review.*
- Update on the sale of the old SCBA Fill Station. *A possible buyer of the unit has changed his mind. It was suggested that the Fill Station and the truck bed that came with Rescue 691 be advertised on Craig's List. An asking price was discussed but not determined. Battalion Chief Southard will do additional research to establish a fair market value and provide a report to the Governing Board at a future meeting.*
- Update on returning the Trench Burner to Coronado National Forest. *CNF has been contacted and they will start looking for a new home for the unit. CNF suggested that we*

consider trying to use an old Conex Container as means of having a ridged burn box, but we discussed how expensive it was to have a front end loader available on site all day and how we did not want to incur any more costs than necessary when burning brush.

- Update on Firefighter I&II class. *The upcoming class is still progressing and OFD could have as many as 8 students attending, with the fire district paying \$960 tuition for each of four firefighters who meet the criteria for OFD sponsorship. Mike Berger will be the lead instructor again this year and he is tentatively scheduled to hold the first class on December 1st.*

- Update on the WFHF-11 grant. *Battalion Chief Southard talked about two recent meetings he and Tina had with the Arizona Department of Forestry regarding a dating issue on the grant. Forestry officials have suggested two options, with one being a clerical solution that would happen at the Phoenix Office, and the other being a transfer of leftover funds from several other grants that could be applied to OFD projects. BC Southard stated that either solution would be favorable for Oracle, especially transferring grant funds as that would increase the amount of properties that could be treated for fire hazards.*

- Update on the Policies and Procedures Manual. *Chief Ortiz stated this project and the Financial Audit will be tabled for the new Fire Board.*

- We recognized three wildland firefighters who attended a recent Chain Saw Class. Spencer Fairbanks, Michael Parra and Jared Ortiz were acknowledged for taking a Sawyer Class that was provided by the State Foresters Office.

- The upcoming CERT/Firewise Board Thanksgiving Dinner was discussed. Tina has been attending the planning meetings and she provided a progress update. It was mentioned that this event would use an Incident Command system for their organization structure.

- Rene Martinez was officially welcomed into the fire department as a Trainee Firefighter.

Next meeting: December 1st at 0900 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1832 hours.

Minutes approved by:

Board Chairperson _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____