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# Puerco Valley Fire District

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

The Fire Board of the Puerco Valley Fire District will meet in regular session on **June 13th, 2024, at 9:00am MST**. The meeting will be held at the Puerco Valley Fire Station in Sanders, Arizona. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the district's attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda. Board Members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. **The following items, topics, and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.**

### MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: TIME 09:11am**
- 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES:** Directors Linda Jones, Toni Wood, Darla Basamania, Sandy Begay (via telephone), Josie Forrester was absent. Also present were Chief Prentice, Assistant Chief Wood, and Counsel Nicolas Cornelius (via telephone).

- 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Discussion and consideration of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Puerco Valley Fire Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised on the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.

- 4. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of May 16th, 2024 **MOTION Linda SECOND Darla CARRIED 4-0**

Special Meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 **MOTION Linda SECOND Darla CARRIED 4-0**



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### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

Status of CON matters/ Arizona Dept. of Health Services matters, Federal Grant matters, Ambulance Matters, Accounting/CPA matters -Counsel/Chief Prentice/Tami

- CON matters- Counsel Nicolas Cornelius, Chief's Wood & Prentice and EMS Captain Donald Waits have been working on a response to the request from AZDHS. Nicolas is working on a draft response. Will finalize next week and get it send to AZDHS.

Litigation matters: Snyder; Despain; DHS-Counsel

- Both the Snyder & Despain cases are being handled by Jeffrey Matura from VFIS.
- Kutak Rock issued discovery to Brandie's attorneys and did not receive a response. They are currently beyond the deadline to respond to make any objections.

Prices of maintenance on Chief's Truck-Chief Prentice

- The price of the maintenance will be \$6,602.64. The truck should be done within the next 2 weeks.

Approval for maintenance on Chief's Truck

**MOTION Linda SECOND Toni CARRIED 4-0**

Price for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks-Chief Prentice

- The fireworks will be done across the street (a little south of) the firehouse off of Hwy 191. This will be on the property that we own. The property will be cleared up and cleaned. We will have 2 extra firefighters on duty that night to assist.

Approval to spend \$5,000 on July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks from the EMS Budget

**MOTION Darla SECOND Linda CARRIED 4-0**

6-month evaluation & possible raise for Chief Prentice

- Chief Prentice advised the discussion can be done during open meeting.
- Board approved to raise the Chief's salary to \$85,000/year.
- Counsel Nicolas Cornelius will draft a new contract with the new salary and stipulate the amount of time this salary will be approved for.

**MOTION Linda SECOND Toni CARRIED 4-0**



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### 6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence

Fire Chief's Report

- Sale of the Scott Packs- We found a buyer that is willing to pay \$16,787.50. If we deliver them ourselves it will up the price to close to \$20,000. Chief Wood will contact VFIS to get confirmation that the Scott packs and employees will be covered if they take a District vehicle.
- Chief Wood and Captain Dee Lewis are now certified car seat technicians. They will be assisting at a Car Seat Event on 6/20/2024 to complete their certifications.
- Chief Prentice set up a maintenance contract with Timber Mesa FD for maintenance on fire apparatus. EMS apparatus will be taken to a Ford dealership for maintenance.
- Sale of 1226- Will contact Show Low Ford to see how much it would cost to fix the ambulance before trying to sell it.
- Chief Prentice will be attempting to sell our old ford station wagon "soccer mom".
- Board approval for Chief Prentice to approve all maintenance, fire & EMS supplies if they are under \$10,000 without requiring board approval.

**MOTION Darla SECOND Linda CARRIED 4-0**

- Starlink Internet-Look into prices to get board approval.

Expense Report

Financial Report

Approval of Finances: **MOTION Toni SECOND Darla CARRIED 4-0**

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

Wells Fargo matter/New Attorney Pete Kelly-Counsel

- Attorney Pete Kelly will be looking into a possible lawsuit against Wells Fargo. He will be obtaining all required information from attorneys from Kutak Rock.

Approval to hire Pete Kelly as representation against Wells Fargo

**MOTION Linda SECOND Darla CARRIED 4-0**



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8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\*\*DID NOT GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION\*\***  
Status of CON matters, Status of Arizona Dept. of Health Services matters, Ambulance Matters, Accounting/CPA matters, Synder notice of Claim, Primary Injunction for Despain-Counsel;  
  
Snyder notice of claim-Counsel  
  
Despain Preliminary Injunction/Civil Lawsuit/Ruling-Counsel  
  
DeSpain CON hearing at Office of Administrative Hearings -Counsel  
  
Wells Fargo Matter/New Attorney Pete Kelly-Counsel
9. **NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON July 11th , 2024 at 3:30pm MST.**
10. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Linda SECOND Darla at 10:40am**