



Puerco Valley Fire District

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NOTICE OF MEETING

****AMENDED****

The Fire Board of the Puerco Valley Fire District will meet in regular session on ***July 25th, 2024, at 3:30pm 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 3:06PM**
- 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES:** Directors Toni Wood, Sandy Begay, Darla Basamania, Linda Jones (via telephone). Director Josie Forrester was absent. Also present Assistant Chief Wood, Chief Prentice, and Counsel Nicolas Cornelius (via teams).
- 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: NO PUBLIC PRESENT**

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 June 13th, 2024 **MOTION Toni SECOND Sandy CARRIED 4-0**
Special Meeting of July 1st, 2024 **MOTION Darla SECOND Sandy 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 Renewal paperwork has all been turned in, including the Corrective Action Plan.
- Ambulance 1226 is up for renewal through AZDHS, it is currently out of service. Will be getting it renewed when it's ready.

Litigation matters: Snyder; DHS-Counsel

- VFIS Attorney Jeffrey Matura is working on the case. He is currently working on getting the schedule set up through the court.

Wells Fargo Matter-Counsel

- Counsel Nicolas Cornelius received the preliminary paperwork from Attorney Pete Kelly. Working on getting the paperwork they require.

Starlink Prices for internet-Tami

- There are 2 options for Starlink. Priority or Residential. The Board discussed varying prices and decided to use the residential service. Board requested Chief Prentice contact Starlink to verify the information we have at our department is secure and can't be hacked into. The Board approved the purchase of Starlink as long as they can verify our information is secure.

Approval of Starlink Purchase: **MOTION TONI SECOND DARLA CARRIED 4-0**

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence

Fire Chief's Report

- The Scott Packs were picked up on 7/24/24, we should be receiving a check in the mail.
- Chief Prentice and Assistant Chief Wood attended the Arizona Fire District Association Conference in Glendale the week of 7/15. A lot of great information was gained and some great networking.



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- We need to purchase some boots, helmets, gloves, etc. Board requests we come up with a list and possible prices.
- Chief Prentice will be getting a price on paint for the outside of the station.
- Chief Prentice will be conducting a fire academy at the station for 3 current employees. This will save the district money and time.

Expense Report

Financial Report

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

7. NEW BUSINESS:

VFIS DeSpain Counterclaim-Counsel

- Kutak Rock attorneys addressed the answer that was required. There is a scheduling conference being scheduled for September. Kutak Rock has been issuing subpoenas to Rose Law group but has not been receiving timely responses.

Transfer of money from the Auxiliary Account to the County Warrant Account

- The board approved a transfer of \$50,000 from the PVFD Auxiliary Account to the Apache County Warrant Account.

Approval of transfer: **MOTION Linda SECOND Darla CARRIED 4-0**

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME 4:11pm MOTION Darla SECOND Sandy 4-0

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

Snyder notice of claim-Counsel

Despain Preliminary Injunction/Civil Lawsuit-Counsel

DeSpain CON hearing at Office of Administrative Hearings -Counsel

VFIS Despain Counterclaim-Counsel



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Wells Fargo Matter-Counsel

9. **NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON August 8th, 2024 at 3:30pm MST.**

10. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Darla SECOND Sandy @ 4:46pm**