



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 **September 12th, 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 _3:30PM**
- 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES** Directors Toni Wood, Linda Jones and Darla Basamania. Directors Josie Forrester and Sandy Begay were absent. Also present were Chief Prentice, Chief Wood, and counsel Nicolas Cornelius (via zoom).

- 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 July 25th, 2024 **MOTION** Linda **SECOND** Darla **CARRIED** 3-0



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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/Chiefs

- CON renewal was approved. Chiefs will have to turn in paperwork for the corrective action plan, this will be done quarterly.
- Chief Wood worked on a Covid Grant through ARPA. The minimum amount that can be received is \$25,000.
- Captain Waits is working on grants for turnouts and other equipment
- We will possibly be receiving 3 fire apparatus from Navajo Nation Fire Department.
- Ambulances 1224 & 1222 will be getting inspected by AZDHS on 9/17/24
- We will be having an extraction class at the station on 9/27/24

Litigation matters: Snyder/DeSpain; Counsel

- Despain- There was a discovery matters status conference on 9/5/24. No trial date has been set yet. Kutak Rock attorneys received a large disclosure of documents from the Despain attorneys on 9/10/24. Kutak Rock attorneys are still attempting to obtain the computer that Despain took from the station and detailed bank information regarding money taken out of the PVAS account. Kutak Rock will authorize special deposition for bank records.
- The current EMS Billing company EMS/MC made deposits into the PVAS bank account that is currently being held by the court. Kutak Rock is working on getting the money transferred out.

Wells Fargo Matter-Counsel-No Update

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

- Board approved a transfer of \$75,000

Approval of transfer: **MOTION Linda SECOND Darla CARRIED 3-0**



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6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence

Thank you letter from citizen in reference to burning their hogan per their request.

Fire Chief's Report

- Chief Prentice, Acting Captain Therio, and Engineer Rose attended the Arizona Fire School in Phoenix.
- Paramedic Wilkins attended the Hazmat School in Anniston.
- Captain Mendoza is currently in Paramedic school

Expense Report

Financial Report

Approval of Finances: **MOTION** Linda **SECOND** Darla **CARRIED** 3-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase of new equipment for crews- Chiefs

- We need to purchase some turnouts, gloves, helmets, and boots for new employees and to replace equipment that is expiring soon. Chief Prentice advised we would be buying a little each month until we have what we need
- The board approved an immediate purchase of one full set of turnouts and one pair of turnout pants. The approximate total will be \$6,000.

Approval of new equipment purchase: **MOTION** Toni **SECOND** Linda **CARRIED** 3-0

Fees addendum for Nicolas Cornelius

- Board approved a rate increase for counsel Nicolas Cornelius from \$225/hour to \$285/hour.

Approval of Fees Addendum: **MOTION** Darla **SECOND** Linda **CARRIED** 3-0



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8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME 4:26pm MOTION Darla SECOND Linda

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

Snyder Civil Lawsuit status -Counsel

Despain Civil Lawsuit status- Counsel

DeSpain CON hearing at Office of Administrative Hearings -Counsel

VFIS Despain Counterclaim- Counsel

Wells Fargo Matter- Counsel

9. NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON October 10th at 3:30pm MST.

10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Darla SECOND Linda