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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 **November 14th, 2024, at 4:30pm 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 4:35pm**
- 2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES** Directors Sandy Begay, Toni Wood, Linda Jones, Josie Forrester (via telephone), and Darla Basamania (arrived at 4:47pm). Also present Chief Prentice, Chief Wood, and Counsel Nicolas Cornelius (via teams).
- 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 October 10th, 2024

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

Special Meeting of October 29th, 2024

**MOTION** Josie **SECOND** Linda **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/Chiefs

- Chief Wood will be putting in for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The grant process closed on 12/20/2024.

Litigation matters: Snyder/DeSpain; DHS-Counsel

- Both Snyder and Despain cases are moving forward.

Wells Fargo Matter-Counsel

- Issue has been closed, no further information.

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

- The board approved to transfer \$80,000.

Approval of transfer: **MOTION Josie SECOND Sandy CARRIED 4-0**

New Wells Fargo Bank Account-Chief Wood

- The new bank account with Wells Fargo has been opened under the name “Puerco Valley Ambulance a DBA of Puerco Valley Fire District. This account will be for Medicare payments only.
- Issues with EMS billing company have been resolved. There is still \$170,000 in the bank account frozen by the court. This money was accidentally deposited into the wrong account by EMS/MC.

### 6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence

Fire Chief's Report

- Both Chief's will be going to Tucson Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> for a Wildland Summit Conference. Chief Wood was able to get a grant, so the trip is completely free.
- We will be having the Light Parade in Sanders again this year, on 12/28/24.



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- Chief Prentice attended a Chapter Meeting at the local Chapter House in Sanders. He plans on attending all the meetings in the surrounding areas as well.

Expense Report

Financial Report

Approval of Finances: **MOTION** Toni **SECOND** Josie **CARRIED** 5-0

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

### 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME 5:05pm MOTION Josie SECOND Darla

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

Wells Fargo Matter-Counsel

### 9. NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm MST.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_