

MEETING MINUTES OF THE GREER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Time/Date: 0900 Hours February 22, 2024

Meeting Location: Greer Fire District Station 2, 38974 SR 373

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lee Smith, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 0905 hours.

II. ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Attendees: Board Members Smith, Merrill and Shumway. By phone Diepstraten Chief Wade, Assistant Chief Sluiter, Captain Orona. Captain Wilson, Firefighters York and Adams. Captain Irons by phone.

*****Around 0908 hours Board called for executive session. Motioned by Merrill and seconded by Diepstraten Unanimous with 1 unfilled board seat. *****

*****Reconvene meeting around 0916*best estimation. Motioned by Diepstraten. Seconded by Merrill Unanimous with 1 unfilled board seat. *****

III. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Website Report: Chief Sluiter is keeping the website current plus added the scholarship application on the website for download.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC. None, but public asked Shumway to say something.

Sandy from Molly's: asked for more support from the fire department at the annual 5K run. Chief Sluiter answered that this year they plan to have most of the FF join the 5K run.

From Butterfly Museum: Can they count on help again from Greer Fire District for this years pancake Breakfast? Answer. Yes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A.) Minutes: January 25, 2024. None

B.) Chief's Report: As per board package. Assistant Chief Sluiter is working on pricing for the Fireman's quarters and a price for some asphalt work at driveway.

Fire inspectors report: Inspected Little Fork Restaurant. Possible new is a farmers market at the community center if approved by that board. No other activities.

Auxiliary report: Got EIN for new 501(c)(3). Will be closing current account then deposit those funds in other bank for the 501(c)(3). Bank may be located in Valley.

C.) Chairman's Report: Smith asked about technical rescue training since warmer weather is arriving? Assistant Chief Sluiter and instructor said they would start that up soon. Smith also comments on budget committee as per below.

D.) Financial Report: Viewed and questioned as needed. As per board package.

Budget as expected 67.4% of budgeted. Not much new. Still trying to sell the E-171; we have

received 4 inquiries; Listed at \$150,000; as per chiefs report.

E.) Committee reports: None. Budget committee had scheduled meeting on February 15, 2024
Attendees: Smith from Board, Chief Wade, Assistant Chief Sluiter, Captain Orona and Captain
Wilson. Next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2024.

F.) Correspondence received since last meeting:
Apache County tax levies.

** Consent Agenda approval: Motion by Shumway. Seconded Merrill. Unanimous with 1 unfilled
board seat.

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Account Balances 02/01/2024

General Fund

10-1010 Apache County Treasurer-----	\$28,095.46
10-1015 Payroll National Bank of Arizona-----	\$55,837.82
10-1020 Special Revenue National Bank of Arizona-----	\$140,552.77
General Fund Total-----	<u>\$224,486.05</u>
Greer Fire District Auxiliary -----	\$16,000.24
Greer Fire District Pension -----	\$38,867.37
Bellinger Springs Water Users -----	\$2,823.55

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VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CALENDAR

A.) Personnel Issues-Chief Wade

- Review possible action: Chief Wade gave the fire fighters his letter of resignation effective June 30, 2024 to end the physical year and to let the replacement chief have a new term with a new budget. This was a very difficult time for everyone. Mark and Martha Wade want to move to the "Valley" to be closer with their kids and grand kids. Everyone was in shock of course. The unity and love was much expressed during this time. Thank you Chief Wade and the very positive

direction he and his fire fighter guided us all.

Chief was very concerned about this year's finances and by resigning he would like to see the position of Assistant Deputy Chief eliminated. This would save \$31,827.00 annually. This money can be used to raise the wages of full time fireman. The Captains would do more to help the new Chief run the fire department. The department is facing cost of living increases and minimum wage requirements.

B.) Hiring Candidates: No new

C.) Auxiliary Activities: No new.

D.) Standard Operating and Administrative Procedures - Chief Wade

- Review, possible approval and sign off for new and revised procedures. None.*

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

VIII. Next Scheduled GFD Board meeting: Thursday March 28, 2024 0900 Fire Station #2.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Lee Smith, Chairman of the Board, adjourned meeting at 1011 hours. Minutes submitted by Ted Diepstraten, Board Member.

Board members:

Lee Smith, Chairman _____

Ted Diepstraten _____

Nick Shumway _____

Travis Merrill _____
