



Desert Hills Fire District

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Desert Hills Fire District Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting, December 18, 2024

1. Call to order

Board Member Roger called to order the Desert Hills Fire District Board meeting at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024**, at the Desert Hills Fire Station Si-Mock Room located at 3983 London Bridge Road, Lake Havasu City, AZ.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance commenced by Board Member Roger

3. Roll Call

The following Board Members were present:

Tom Roger
Curtis Schafer
Char Beltran
Rich Fountain
Dana VanLeuven

Also, in attendance:

Battalion Chief Stanec
Battalion Chief Bunn
Administrative Specialist Harrison

4. Call to the Public: Linda Hanks is introduced as accepting the new board member position.

5. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2024: Board Member Schafer motioned to accept meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Beltran, all in favor.

6. Reports:

a) **Fire Administration Report:** Battalion Chief Stanec reports;

The toy drive events are completed, the pancake breakfast and Bunker Bar toy drive brought in lots of gifts. The Bunker Bar was a good event, Santa flew in on the helicopter, there was face painting for the kids. Lots of volunteers lent a hand with this event. Thanks to BC Bunn and Jacquelyn Bunn for manning the toy collecting table. We had a lot of firefighters attend, the most we have had. Admin Specialist Harrison will be calling and scheduling families to pick up toys. The day before Christmas eve we will be in Havasu Heights area and Christmas eve in Desert Hills area, driving around the neighbors handing out leftover toys with Santa on the engine. Don't forget December 30th is our Christmas party at Hanger 24.

I spoke with Horizon Technologies; they have been installing equipment on Crossman. It is 99% complete, just waiting on a few more components. They just got through the FCC licensing for Goat Mountain. Allan from WireFree is finishing up the internet links between all the sites.

b) **Fire Operation Report:** Battalion Chief Bunn reports;

We are 787 calls, up 62 calls for last month. Nothing significant to report.

I leave January 4th for National Fire Academy and the AFDA conference is January 15-17th.

All the air packs have arrived for the AFG Grant. We did fit testing last week and training begins this week. The plan is to have them in service by January 4th.

The ARPA Grant from the county approved the vendor for the outfitting of the two new trucks. The cost for this is \$37,200.46. These trucks should be done by mid-February fully outfitted.

c) **Auxiliary Report:** Auxiliary President Rich Fountain reports;

Everyone of our events have been down this year. We are not sure why. Last months breakfast we were down a 150 count over the previous year. Have been doing really well with donations this year. Last month we had a \$5,000 donation, Cindy Davis and her husband donated \$2,000 and the American Legion is donating \$1,000.

7. **New Business:**

- a.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of monthly Financial Report. Administrative Specialist Harrison states that the Grant Savings Account is \$342,851.34, Payroll Account \$33,234.69, Special Revenue Checking Account \$21,513.11, Special Revenue Savings Account \$474,514.43, Warrant Account \$1,687,065.74, Petty Cash \$100.00, with a total balance of \$2,559,279.31. Motioned by Board Member Fountain to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Board Member Schafer, all in favor.
- b.) Discussion and possible action re: Acceptance of the SB1720 Grant. BC Stanec reports; I met with the State, they offered us \$300,000 to purchase a new wildland type 6 brush engine. I reworked the grant submitted and Friday the State approved the grant. If the board approves this grant we have formed a committee, which includes myself, BC Bunn, Captain Sayre, Paramedic Lawrence and FF Shiner. The committee will work on the appropriate apparatus. Motioned by Board Member Roger for the acceptance of the SB1720 Grant, seconded by Board Member Beltran, all in favor.
- c.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval to purchase two (2) mobile radios. BC Bunn reports; the two new truck need radios. I got a quote from Horizon Technology. The quote is for 6,037.50, which will provide 2 mobile radios. It will allow us to jump into the new communication system. Board Member VanLueven motioned to approve the purchase two mobile radios, seconded by Board Member Schafer, all in favor.

8. **Board Member Comments:**

- a) New Business to be considered on future agendas: To accept Board Member Beltran's resignation and to swear in Linda Hanks as a new board member.
- b) Comments:

9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 9:22 by Board Member Beltran, seconded by Board Member