

## **Pine-Strawberry Fire District**

### PINE-STRAWBERRY FIRE BOARD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1) **Pledge of Allegiance**

2) **Roll Call** – Present were Board Clerk Bob Papke, Board Member Bruce Dow, Board Chairman Chuck Ackerman, Board Member Dave Burkhart, and Board Member Mel Palmer.

3) **New Business**

- a) Discussion/Possible Action on a grievance/Complaint filed by PSFD Members against the PSFD Fire Chief John Wisner. (\*Note: The Board may elect to go into an executive session for reason of a Personnel Matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) re: Fire Chief's evaluation and performance review.)

Board Chairman Chuck Ackerman deferred to Chief Wisner on whether he would like to go into executive session. He stated that he would.

Melvin Palmer made a motion to go into executive session. Dave Burkhart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board member Dave Burkhart commented that the Crews would like to have a representative in the executive session as well. Chief Wisner objected to this stating that, "This is not an investigation."

Board Chairman Ackerman then placed a phone call to our Board Attorney, Bill Whittington, but there was no answer, so all employees were excused at 6:07 pm.

Executive Session ended at 9:28 pm

Open Meeting Resumed at 9:29 pm

Melvin Palmer made a motion that the Board research hiring an outside investigator to investigate the facts and circumstances of the complaints lodged by members. Bruce Dow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dave Burkhart made a motion that a quote for services from an investigator be obtained within five business days. Melvin Palmer seconded the vote and it passed unanimously.

There was discussion on keeping the Chief on duty or suspending him with pay pending the outcome of future Board action. No motion was made to change the status of the Chief.

**Adjournment** – Melvin Palmer made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Dow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously at 9:35 pm.