



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Water Wheel Fire & Medical District Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 19, 2022

A public meeting of the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District was convened on July 19, 2022 at the Whispering Pines Fire Station 71, 10603 Houston Mesa Road, in Whispering Pines.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order:

Chris Oberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge was led by Chris Oberg

III. Roll Call of Board Members:

Present were Chris Oberg, Harry Jones, Steve Stevens and Dan Newman. Al Kendall left prior to the meeting Due to a flash flood warning issued for the East Verde River.

A quorum of board members were in attendance.

IV. Motion to approve the minutes of the following business meetings:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 21, 2022

Harry Jones made a motion to accept the minutes from the meet held on June 21,2022. Chris Oberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Reports and correspondence

Monthly Financial Report

Financial report presented by Chief Sattelmaier:

Admin's Benefit Pkg.....	\$ 22,893.70
WWFMD Op Acct.....	\$ 5,192.74
National Bank of Arizona.....	\$ 1,062.64
WWFMD Reserves.....	\$40,816.44
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 69,965.52



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Approval of the Financial Reconciliation report for June 2022

Chris Oberg made a motion to accept the reconciliation report for June 2022 and Harry Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – None

Chief's Report

- a. Operations
- b. Equipment
- c. Administration

Discussion and possible action - None

VI Call to the public for comments on current agenda items - None

VII Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- A. Declare two apparatus as surplus and authorize the Chief to liquidate these two assists. The two apparatus are WT72 (a 1985 Ford with a 2000 gallon tank and manual transmission); and E73 (a 1988 Ford FMC type 1 engine with 1250 gpm pump and a 1000 gallon tank).

Chief Sattelmaier presented a description and reasons behind requesting the liquidation of these two apparatus assets. Both trucks are the oldest in the fleet and generally not used. The WT72 is a 5 speed manual unsynchronized transmission that no one in the department can drive safely. Steve Stevens made the motion to have the Chief move forward with liquidation of these two trucks. Harry Jones seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- B. Authorized the Fire Chief to explore the liquidation of fire station 72 in the community of Rim Trail.

Discussion of the liquidation included the reason for considering the sale being the cost savings for the District as we move forward and the fact that with the sale of two apparatus we will no longer need the space to store equipment. We still have a loan on the building that costs almost \$22,000 per year and insurance, utilities, and maintenance expenses. Consideration of the sale of this property is that the profits from the sale will help bolster our diminishing reserves and help to provide competitive wages and benefits for our employees which will aid the District recruitment and retention of employees in the future.



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Steve Stevens made a motion to have the Fire Chief move forward with the process beginning with contacting Gila County Community Development to find out if there are any zoning restrictions on this property that would prevent it being used for commercial or residential purposes. The next step would be an appraisal and then securing a real estate broker. Chris Oberg seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discuss the problems we are having with the abuse of the Chase Brush Pit from the public not following the rules regarding the dumping of large logs and tree stumps.

A lengthy discussion was held to look at possible alternative solutions to get the public to comply with the rules. Suggestions ranged from sorting the material to remove the unwanted items, to pushing the pit as normal in the fall and when the FS burns the pit, if there is material still smoldering next spring just keep the pit closed until the fire goes out, to permanently closing the pit and the public would have to find some other location to dispose of their vegetation wastes. No action was taken.

- VIII. Call to the public for comments and non-agenda items

None

- IX. Call to the staff and Board for no-agenda items and future agenda items:

Discuss liquidation of surplus resources on the next agenda.

- IX. Call for Adjournment

Harry Jones made a motion to adjourn, Chris Oberg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Dated this 20th day of July 2022 .

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Harry Jones _____ Clerk