

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Clarkdale Fire District
Meeting Held January 20, 2011**

A Regular meeting of the Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors was scheduled for January 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Clarkdale Fire District Station #21, 895 First South Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Board of Directors:

Jim Elmer, Chairman
Seth Murphy, Clerk
Ron Ballatore (absent)
Bill Snyder
Jerry Brown (absent)

Staff:

Joe Moore, Fire Chief
Joyce Driscoll, Admin. Assistant

Others Present: None.

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Board Chairman Elmer.

ROLL CALL. Boardmembers Brown and Ballatore were absent, however a quorum was present.

MINUTES – Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2010.

Boardmember Snyder moved to approve the minutes. Board Clerk Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC. No public comment.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Discussion and consideration of the Monthly Financial Report. Chief Moore stated that as of December 31st the District was 50% through the fiscal year and had received 52.79% of its budgeted income and had expended 45.96% of the budgeted expenses for the year. It was noted that the District has some grants which require the District to pay the expenses up front and get reimbursed later.

Board Clerk Murphy moved to approve the financial report. Boardmember Snyder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL AND OTHER REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – A report from the Chairperson on current events.

Chairperson Elmer reported that Verde Valley Ambulance has started the remodel on their new building. He noted that Cottonwood Fire Department created a non-profit organization to give scholarships to persons to attend paramedic school. He commented on a public meeting that was held recently regarding property tax valuations.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – A report from the Fire Chief on current events. Chief Moore reported the following:

- Community development information from the Town of Clarkdale.
- An update on the Highlands subdivision, now known as “The Crossroads at Mingus”.
- He is still working with Yavapai Title to get a correction made to the legal description of the land purchased by the District.
- Meetings he attended in December.

SHIFT REPORTS – Written monthly reports by personnel regarding day-to-day operations. Chairman Elmer noted that repairs were made to Engine 211.

ACTIVITY REPORTS – Written monthly reports regarding calls for service. No discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE – Letters, news articles and other items of interest. Chairman Elmer noted the nice newspaper articles regarding the District.

NEW BUSINESS

WORKSESSION – A worksession to discuss options for replacing the first-out engine, including financing options and budget challenges. Discussion included the following:

- The possibility of paying-off the loan on the land out of Capital Reserve in order to save expenditures out of the General Fund for engine payments.
- Future expense increases, i.e. benefits, paramedic pay, etc.
- The possibility of insurance costs increasing due to replacing the first-out engine with a new one.
- That the District has a good credit rating and even with the land payment, is able to be approved for a \$400,000 loan.
- An engine loan would be a 100% loan amortized over 15 years with annual payments of approximately \$40,000 per year, with the first payment being deferred 18 months from purchase.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – A listing of items to be placed on a future agenda. Board Clerk Murphy suggested a future agenda item regarding legislation regarding cities and towns controlling their own Certificates Of Necessity (CON).

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Jim Elmer, Chairman

Date

Seth Murphy, Clerk

Date