

**Walker Fire Protection Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

8 August 15

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Terry Piske
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Director:	Dan Dougherty
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Vice President:	John Ohanesian
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9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:18

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Terry seconded by Rudy. Vote. Passed 6/0

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 00:47

Mark Herrin – Mark had committed to spearhead a \$15K contribution form the Big Bug area. As of today \$15.7K has been raised. A couple brought a \$1K check to the Sundae Saturday but were unable to turn it in. Mark had contacted the couple and explained the difference between the WCAA and WFPA and was able to pick up the check. The donation of the water tender has been turned over to John Ohanesian for follow up.

President Report - Time Index: 05:09

Things are going along well. There was only one day of work on the Bridge this week due to a problem with the concrete mix. Completion in September may or may not happen.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 06:17

The July Minutes were also sent to the board for review and posted on the website with the audio file from that meeting. No corrections were received.

Motion to accept the Secretary's report as distributed was made by Terry and seconded by Dan . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 06:57

July is looking strong. Balance Sheet shows that the community is contributing. P & L statement shows that we are favorable to budget at \$6 compared to the budgeted \$4K. Expenses were on budget at \$9.3K .v. the budgeted \$9.2K. Current financials show nothing out of the ordinary.

Bill Loughrige: We have \$116K in the checking account and \$75K in Money Market. How much do we need in the checking account for operational purposes? Steve responded that we need about \$100K. The current amount includes monies allocated for the Tender at about \$20K.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Terry and seconded by Rudy . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 10:27

Calls One medical call. **Training** Hazmat refresher and vehicle extrication (we cut up a car). **Personnel** We are in the process of possibly adding five new recruits. At this point it is unclear how many might stick with it but there has been interest expressed and we've had a few come to a training or two. Assistant Chief Keegan has spent \$2634.71 thus far on the paramedic program. Last month the board expressed interest in reimbursing him some portion of his costs. The WCAA asked us to participate in a calendar whereby firefighters provide a recipe, a picture of themselves and a short bio. Last I heard there were 12 recipes collected. They continue to show an interest in engaging with the department; they are hosting a brunch for us after the August 15th training. **News from other Departments** As most already know Glenn Brown was dismissed as fire chief from Mayer Fire. Without engaging in a qualitative (speculative) dialogue about what happened, that has been playing out for an extended period. This episode reiterates the extent to which operating as a fire district is complicated (which is not to say it is good or bad). We have very little operational interaction with Mayer so this unlikely to impact us but we have had administrative interaction in terms of partnering on grants. Earlier this year we mentioned that Chino Valley Fire District and Central Yavapai Fire District were operating under a Joint Management Agreement (JMA) sharing a chief, assistant chief and possibly some administrative personnel. The two are moving toward a full merger. JMAs and mergers are becoming more common among fire districts. **Communications** Mayer Fire has asked to join the PRCC. At this point there a dialogue has been opened up and it seems likely that this will happen because as of September 1 Mayer will be without dispatch services however there is no expectation that PRCC could take them in that quickly. Mayer averages about four calls per day so the expectation is that there will not be a meaningful impact on the service provided to us by PRCC. PRCC has given us a lot of information about the Active 911 app that we discussed last month and I hope to implement this in short order. Cottonwood Fire has requested to use frequency adjacent to the frequency for the Walker Repeater. Because of their proximity there is process whereby they will ask for permission from us in writing that will include verbiage that they will cease use of that frequency if it ends up causing a problem for us. **Fleet** We have had no real update on the water truck to be potentially donated. I heard from Mark Herrin that Russ is still hunting down the tax info he needs. (Mark has updated that earlier in these notes.) Patrol 80 and Tender 81 have completed their servicing, Patrol 81 is in the shop now. Tender 81 may have a clutch problem however and may need to

go back in (fourth gear doesn't grab). **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** I am the acting President in the wake of Glenn Brown's termination from Mayer Fire. The by-laws call for a vote to replace vacancies not a moving up of positions. I doubt I will have the position past the next association meeting as OJT for a volunteer fire chief is probably not in the best interests of the organization. If no one else wants to do it, then I would be willing as I think it would be fun and challenging. **Facilities** No update, but the garage door is now installed.

Bill Loughrige: The clutch on the water tender: Is this the same tender that we had problems with earlier? Roger responded that this is a different tender, but that we have replaced the clutch on both tenders.

Bill Loughrige: The issue getting to the call: Do we need to do anything with the GIS Map? Roger responded no.

Terry Piske: Cottonwood would seem to have more calls than us. Is this going to cause a problem for us? Roger responded no. Due to the distance and that they are on the north side of Mingus Mtn, we should not hear them. If it becomes a problem they will have to move.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by Terry and seconded by Rudy . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 19:59

- Fundraising – no report.
- Facility Maintenance - we had a few trees taken down a few weeks ago. Three of the trees were already infected with bark beetle. We are going to relocate the bulletin board. The new garage door is in. Cost was \$1098 for the zero clearance garage door (special door). There was additional discussion about painting the inside of the garage and the generator. The purple box outside designates reclaimed water, since that is well water, we should paint it green.

Volunteer of the Month – Time Index: 26:43

The Board recognizes Dan Adams and Beau Swisher for their assistance at the Pancake Breakfast. They assisted in the set up and then sold WPFA Merchandise. Two terrific young men!

Old Business- Time Index: 27:30

- Facility Maintenance - discussed earlier
- Bridge Project – discussed in the Presidents report.
- Budget – the budget was sent to the Board for review. Total expenses are budgeted at Income is budgeted at \$109K. We will table a vote until next month so that the board can review.

New Business- Time Index: 29:39

Fall 2015 Newsletter – we should get this ready to send this out earlier this year – before the holidays. Notes from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fire Chief and Facilities. Roger suggested we frame this out at the next meeting with articles ready in September. Roger will forward the new road and address number changes to Russ for address cleansing.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 33:37

Victoria Morhous – Fire Fighters brunch is next Saturday. The next Saturday Sundae will be over the Labor Day weekend. Homemade Hot Fudge!

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Glen – is the new tender going to have an automatic transmission?

Mark Herrin – about three or four years ago I supplied Roger with a map up on Big Bug Mesa. We are adding the water storage tanks to an updated map. All ownership changes are indicated and we are following up with the new owners on the agreements. There are currently 70K gals of water available for the station to use.

Victoria – at last month's Pancake Breakfast there was a dog in the eating area. The county does not allow anything other than service dogs.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Roger Nusbaum – in the price range we are trying to get to we are having a difficult time trying to find one in the \$30K range. There was additional discussion about the advantages of having the automatic transmission.

Bill Lougirhge – Re: maps. Could you give a copy of those maps to Joyce so that can be added to the GIS maps. Re: dogs. The big dogs create problems. There was additional discussion on the dogs.

Steve – would like to acknowledge Mark Keegan, and would like to motion that the board accept 50% for the expenses he incurs for his education expenses for becoming a paramedic. The motion was amended to include proof of enrollment. Motion was seconded by Terry. In discussion, this is done as a gentleman's with the stipulation that that Mark would remain with the department for 4 years after the completion of his education. Roger would collect receipts for Steve and Adam to review for reimbursement. Vote. Passed. 6/0

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 46:09

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry and seconded by Steve . Vote. Passed. 6/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM

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