



**Minutes – WFPA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – November 11, 2023**

**8:45am – Executive Session**

Board members present for the meeting - Bill Loughrige, Lance Gilbert, Clyde McKay, Rudy Erdman, Marti Mahoney , Roger Nusbaum, Jeff Anderson.

**9:15am – Begin General Session**

- The Quorum has been met.

**APPROVE AGENDA -**

Clyde McKay requests a couple of additional items to the Agenda and these are to be discussed under the Committee Reports.

Clyde McKay makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Jeff Anderson seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Bill Loughrige**

Bill Loughrige has completed the application at the Post Office for WFPA Non-Profit status account. Document copies given to Marti Mahoney for scanning and adding to WFPA dropbox account.

- Bill’s research has found that as a non-profit our bulk mailing can go down to \$.25 each saving monies on the Newsletter mail outs.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – Marti Mahoney**

Minutes from the last meeting have been sent. Marti Mahoney makes the motion to dispense with the reading of the October minutes.

Clyde McKay makes the Motion. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert**

- 2022 taxes signed.
- Received a refund from Travelers insurance for \$6,089 for Workman’s Comp audit.
- Donations this month were \$1,390
- Expenses for this month were \$6,000.32 not including payroll.

- WTCS cash on hand is \$49,245.03
- FYI Wildland funds in June were \$46,857 and currently \$110,920
- Lance was notified that there is now a \$50 fee for all non-profits with our 99T Tax filing. He is researching this and it will be added to the budget information.
- Current payroll is up to date.
- Question from Bill Loughrige regarding a breakdown report from Wildland to show Expenses vs income. Lance will look into this for upcoming reports provided.
- Request from Bill Loughrige for the budget summary to be expanded if possible for clearer understanding of the costs. Lance will review.

Clyde McKay makes the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Rudy Erman seconds. All in favor.

### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT** – Roger Nusbaum

#### **Calls**

Two medical calls and one illegal burn.

#### **Training**

Two different versions of driver training.

#### **Fleet**

Tender 81 is the only vehicle that still needs annual service at CAFMA.

#### **Personnel**

We have several firefighters signing up for classes at AWIMA. The County Board of Supervisors increased the scholarship dollars available which has helped us avoid going out of pocket.

#### **Facilities**

No report

#### **PRCC**

P25 update. Kenwood NX-5200, NX-5300 models appear to be around \$800 per handheld. BK mobiles in 83 and 80 were about \$2500. Thinking 8 handhelds and then mobiles for E85, R81, Sq 81 and maybe the replacement for the current Engine 86. Where we are hoping to replace Engine 86 soon, I don't think we need to install one in the current 86 but may want to buy a mobile for the new Engine 86 at the same time if there is a price break.

Now that we've started to do some work, we have feedback that the larger departments won't be able to make this transition anytime soon. It's a developing situation but we might be able to kick the can down the road for quite a while. We still might want to upgrade the mobile radios in the first due vehicles.

- Discussion regarding budget and costs to buy (8) handheld radios. Four(4) to provide to the full time Walker Fire staff; and four (4) to have available to hand out as necessary. This would be a cost of \$6400.00 for the NX-5300 models.
- Continued research needed on available grants; adding Radios to the list Roger has put together.

## **Other**

Structure Fire on New State Road on Thursday evening. Walker Fire responded with trucks, water tenders, 15 crew members. Groom Creek Fire and Prescott Fire also responded as well as Yavapai Sheriff's.

- Engine 83 was much easier to utilize as the new truck and equipment and reliable.
- Discussion on the road condition where the structure fire occurred as there were issues accessing the property, and bad road conditions. Owner reached out to Roger asking about the road. Consensus is to respond with simple declaration of "yes the road needs to be addressed by the Owners".
- Water tenders were filled quickly and back to the burn site. A thank you to Rudy Erdman for overseeing those repairs; and for Lance overseeing the filling of the tenders.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to accept the Fire Chief's report. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

### Security Cameras – Clyde McKay

- Hardwired CCTV cameras have been installed at the Station for the parking area / trash dumpsters thanks to residents Simon and Amy. These were installed last week.
- One camera has been stolen. Clyde will be replacing that this month.

### Station Clean up –

- Clyde McKay, Jeff Anderson will be working to complete exterior clean up areas behind the station this month with a dumpster run.

### Facility Work / Maintenance – Rudy Erdman

- The pump Float has been replaced by Rudy Erdman. Again, great results for the pumping repairs and filling the water tenders.

### Liaison for WCAA – This position will be held by Clyde McKay

- Clyde has reached out to Karla Keegan and Deanna Phillips.

## **OLD BUSINESS** –

Gazebo - Rudy Erdman will continue to research costs and support for the park area adding a gazebo structure, new tables and benches; as well as the awnings.

### Newsletter – Clyde McKay

- Clyde is wrapping up the Fall WFPA Newsletter with an anticipated completion in November. He has worked on cleaning up the Walker (Owner) residents' list for the mail out information.
- The font has been reduced to assist with downsizing the quantity of pages.

### Chip & Haul – Loren Bykerk

- Loren has been told that the previous grant Walker (WCAA) had for the Chip & Haul will not be provided next year. Previous grant fund was \$8500
- Chip & Haul for 2023 costs were approximately \$12,000 which WCAA was able to cover with the grant monies.
- 2024 Chip & Haul will need support from WFPA funds, unless another grant can be established. Loren estimates an approximate cost of \$20-25K for 2024 for roll offs and parking repair materials.
- 2024 DATES decided – June 19<sup>th</sup> thru August 18<sup>th</sup>

### **NEW BUSINESS** -

#### WFPA/ Walker Calendar – Clyde McKay

- Clyde has updated the 2024 Walker events calendar and will be sending an email out to the Board for review and any comments.
- This information will be added to the Webpage information; and newsletter comments.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

#### Walker road usage and China Mining concerns on south Senator Hwy area -

- Representative from the Hassayampa Lake HOA community (Gabriel) present and requesting time with the WFPA Board to discuss and update the concerns and actions they are taking.
- They have hired a lawyer at this time to review and research the steps they want to move forward with in regards to the commercial traffic usage on Walker Road.
- It is their information from discussions with Yavapai County, that the company working the mine area , plan on using Walker Road for their primary travel route for the dump trucks, machinery, labor forces, etc.
- The Hassayampa Lake community owns the Walker Road at the Lake location and one of the tighter travel spots for Walker Road. They have been approached regarding allowing easements for widening the road for the trucks and equipment the Mining Company wants to send over that route. Currently they have rejected any allowances or consent of this land and road area.
- Bill Loughrige and Clyde McKay have explained that the WFPA Board has no direct say and cannot assist in the easements or usage on Walker Road. However as residents we all fully understand the concerns, the damage to roads and the area as well as the many concerns for the amount and type of traffic we all will be facing.

### **10:16 – Adjournment**

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to adjourn and Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor and we are adjourned.

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