

WFPA Board Minutes for 4/9/2011

All Board members were in attendance.

9:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by President John Horvat

President's Report: No President's Report this month.

Secretary's Report: Read and Accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Read and Accepted.

Fire Chief's Report: Read and accepted. There was one EMS call in Potato Patch. Rescue 81 was serviced, P-84 needs a new windshield & clutch adjustment, P-80 had turbo-charger warranty repair. Jaws of Life are out of service and at United Fire for service.

Director Paul Nies announced that he will be accepting the position of Fire Chief at the Central Yavapai Fire District and will be resigning as a Director of the WFPA as soon as it is official that he has been awarded the job, probably during the week of 5/11/2011.

Proposed 2011 Bylaws were approved by a Board vote of **4 Yea and 2 Nay**. These will now go before the community for approval or disapproval at the Annual Meeting to be held on 5/28/2011.

Corporate Amendment: John Horvat stated that he had received a letter from the Arizona Corporation Commission approving the amended Articles of Incorporation. A notice of this was published as required, and he has an affidavit from the newspaper stating that all steps were properly followed.

Mark Keegan: Challenged the authority of the Board to amend the Articles without a community vote.

Consultant: The Mayer Fire District Board approved that their Fire Chief, Glenn Brown will perform the role of Consultant in evaluating the WFD Fire Chief, personnel, equipment, training, and record keeping. John Horvat has four emails of approval from the WFPA Board to pursue this action. This action is in response to a recommendation by Yavapai County Supervisor Tom Thurmond.

Motion # 040911a: To note emergency approval (President's authority) for expenditures over \$500 or anticipated, non-budgeted expenditures over \$500.

1. Payment to Prescott Newspapers for the posting of the WFPA Articles of Incorporation modification. ACH debit posted on 3/30/2011 in the amount of \$740.62.
2. Payment to Cascade Equipment in the amount of \$1,018.25 for the purchase of 5-gallon water backpack mop up sprayers purchased with M&I Visa on 3/8/2011.
3. Payment of one half of the Consultant fee to Mayer Fire District with check #4137 in the amount of \$2,500.

Motion made by Greg Stava – Seconded by Bill Loughrige

Motion Passed 5 Yea - 1 Nay

Motion 040911b – To recommend the adjusting entry of \$424.08 (credit to the Chase DDA and debit to Reconciliation Discrepancies), following the reconciliation performed by Lou DiMuro for the period ending March 31, 2011. An effort to reconcile this amount, potentially going back to 2009, is not viewed by the Treasurer as a worthwhile commitment of time or expense.

Motion made by Greg Stava – Seconded by Bill Loughrige

Motion Passed – 6 Yea – 0 Nay

Newsletter: Bill Loughrige said that per the County Assessor, there are 1,370 + property owners within the three mile radius of WFPA coverage. This number will probably be reduced to around 1,000 as duplicate names are found and deleted. Because of the size of the news letter, primarily due to the inclusion of the proposed 2011 Bylaws, it is estimated that the cost to print and mail them will be about \$2,000.

Nominating Committee: Members are; Myra Nathenson, Mark Herrin, Bob Addicott, Bill Loughrige, James Lee. Committee membership was approved by a Board vote of **6 Yea – 0 Nay**.

Motion to abolish the 2011 Bylaw Committee: Motion made by Terry Piske – Seconded by Mark Keegan. **Motion Passed – 6 Yea – 0 Nay.**

Motion to abolish the Consultant Committee: Motion made by Bill Loughrige – Seconded by Mark Keegan. **Motion Passed – 6 Yea – 0 Nay.**

SCBA Budget: Dan Hauck reported that ten people have stepped forward to become SCBA qualified. Money to outfit six people had been approved by the Board, so there is need for an additional \$2,000 cover the costs of the extra volunteers. Board discussion

followed, with the medical exam question being foremost. The request for the additional money was denied by a **2 Yea – 4 Nay** vote.

Guest Speaker, Yavapai County Board Supervisor Tom Thurmond: Mr. Thurmond spoke about the fire abatement funds grant (Firewise) totaling more than \$88,000 that had been awarded to the Walker community. He stated that he felt that the project was too much for the community to accomplish on their own, so he placed PAUWIC in the lead role. Work will be performed by guarded DOC inmates.

Regarding the Consultant, Mr. Thurmond said that “lots of folks in this community have opinions, some pro, some con on the Fire Chief, on the Board and on a Fire District. It doesn’t hurt to bring in a third party to evaluate a situation, so that’s why I suggested that you do that. Is it going to get the Chief fired? Probably not. Is it going to get you a district? Probably not.” Mr. Thurmond is happy to see that Glenn Brown was chosen as the consultant.

Audience Question: If nothing changes, can we get back to you again next year on forming a district.

Thurmond: I’m not sure that nothing is going to change. I’m not in favor of a small district. You don’t have to go as far as Potato Patch but it does need to be larger and more inclusive.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47