

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION February 22, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:**

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan. Members at Large: Donna Gordon, Dale Lund. Chief Jeff Shearer , Accountant Nina Bourbeau. Denise Roggio, grant specialist, by phone

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

A. Richard made a motion to approve the minutes for the YFD Regular Session of January 11, 2021. Dale seconded. Motion carried by all .

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

A. Chairman's Report: (none)

B. Secretary's Report: (none)

C. Treasurer's Reports: (See attached) .

Property taxes received : \$6,465.95 FDAT received: \$995.05

Transfers- one this month 2/3/2021 \$40,000 from Wildfire to General Fund. Carole made a motion to approve this transfer as reported. Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all.

General Fund: \$15,954.27 Donations and Grants: \$47,062.19

Capital Reserve: \$574.90 Pension and Relief: \$ 20,575.09

Shuttle \$21,946.89 Training Center \$9,442.11

Wildland Fire: \$109,898.33

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as reported for January 2021 made by Carole. Seconded by Dale. Motion carried by a

**D. Chief's Report: (See Attached)**

Working with Michael Dean to review the bids for USDA Loan Grant for new fire station bay.. Chief will ride along with Lifeline Ambulance for his paramedic training hours. Classes at Yavapai College.

For new EMT classes – These students will pay -then after they complete the course and pass the final test, if they sign a 2 year contract with YFD, we will refund the money.

All of our EMTs have completed their EMT refresher test. Our newly graduated EMT is Jake.

This year we will have an actual Memorial Run , with specifications for distancing plus other special requirements due to COVID . Probable date of June 5.

Incidents: 30. (Does not include mutual aid). 19 EMS, 1Motor Vehicle Accident.1 Gas Odor. Welfare Checks 4. Structure fire 1 Public Assists 4

#### **E. Grant and Safer report. (Attached)**

We are still trying to get a grant for a drone from AZ Community Foundation 2021 . We will ask for \$6,000 toward costs. Among other things, we are hoping to be able to get emergency information and provide more rapid responses for rescues in our State Park with the drone. Also to spot remotely located fires or other potential disasters in our area.

We still have about 50% of our award left to spend in our Safer Grant. This grant expires 9-30-2022.

Denise has also submitted requests this month for grants to purchase a skid centrifugal pump and extractor washer and dryer.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.** Dale provided correspondence from Jerry Postema of YWIA indicating that they would like us to pay \$12,450 as an annual fee for 83 water hydrants at \$150.00 each- for water use , annual training on hydrant use and location, location map and maintenance for the hydrants, notification during a water outage, but no charge for water use.

Per our discussion, this is not acceptable to us for a number of reasons, including that we are funded by the taxpayers . We do our best to protect our citizens from higher insurance rates. Money for the water used at a fire by way of the hydrant is paid by the homeowner or their insurance company directly to YWIA. As a government entity, we cannot put a lien on the property for unpaid water usage. Therefore billing for this water should be completed by YWIA.

**B.** Dale provided minutes from the most recent WMHI meeting. There appears to be an issue related to medical direction due to Wickenburg Community Hospital management changes

**C.** We have decided to make appropriate changes to update Chief's Annual Evaluation form.

**D.** Our next regular meeting will be March 15 at which point we will discuss budget. Our final budget meeting is planned for March 29.

#### **NEW BUSINESS :**

**A.** We have three contract bids, as required, for the USDA Loan Grant for our new bay expansion for our fire station.

1. CNK Construction Incorporated General Contractor from Phoenix, AZ. This bid totals \$67,424.50 and includes concrete, building and erection and electrical. Jeff Shearer, our fire chief, has experience with this company as they completed all plans for us and got approvals for all plans. This bid is complete for our needs.

2. MJ Manone. LLC in Yarnell, AZ. Total bid of \$97,960.

3. KDM Contracting Inc. Concrete. Masonry. Residential and commercial licenses. Total bid of \$71,469.97 based on Heritage Building Systems and Willis Engineering. Will provide labor, materials and equipment to complete this project.

Richard Mayer made a motion to accept CNK bid for construction of our fire station bay addition. Dale Lund seconded. Motion carried by all.

**6. Call to the Public** : Bob King , Yarnell resident, attended our meeting today. He presented us with info regarding YWIA policies.

Adjournment at 11:45AM

Our next regular meeting will be March 15, 2021.

Respectively submitted : Carole Ryan, YFD Sec'y