**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Fire Board of the Puerco Valley Fire District will meet in regular session on ***May 8th, 2025, at 3:30pm MST***. The meeting will be held at the Puerco Valley Fire Station in Sanders, Arizona. The Board may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (3) for legal advice with the district’s attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda. Board Members or other participants may attend by telephonic conference. **The following items, topics, and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: TIME 3:36PM**
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES** Directors Toni Wood, Josie Forrester, Darla Basamania, Sandy Begay, Chief Prentice, Chief Wood, and Counsel Nicolas Cornelius (via zoom). Apache County Treasurer Marlieta Begay and Chief Deputy Treasurer Candice Davis showed up at 3:57pm.
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Discussion and consideration of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Puerco Valley Fire Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised on the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.

1. **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of April 10th, 2025

\*Need to add the executive motions to the minutes\*

**MOTION** \_Josie **SECOND** Linda **CARRIED** 5-0

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Status of CON matters/ Arizona Dept. of Health Services matters, Federal Grant matters, Audit Matters, Ambulance Matters, Accounting/CPA matters -Counsel/Chiefs

* CON renewal has been turned in.
* FY 21/22 Audit is nearing conclusion. It should be finalized within the next week. Once the Audit is finalized, we will look into getting a new auditor.

Litigation matters: Snyder/DeSpain; DHS-Counsel

* Everybody has been deposed for the Snyder case. Depositions have been sent out.
* No updates on the DeSpain case.

DeSpain CON hearing at Office of Administrative Hearings -Counsel

Transfer of money from the Auxiliary Account & Puerco Valley Ambulance Account to the County Warrant Account

\*\*No money will be transferred at this time\*\*

Approval of transfer: **MOTION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SECOND\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_CARRIED\_\_\_\_\_**

Fireworks Contract- Chief Wood

* Terry with Fireworks Productions of Arizona advised because of the tariffs, the price of fireworks has gone up. To do the same length of show that we did last 4th of July, the price would go up from $5,000 to $5,360. The board voted to approve the new price.

Approval of Fireworks Contract: **MOTION** Linda **SECOND** Darla **CARRIED 5-0**

Purchase of a new engine- Chief Prentice

* Chief Prentice showed the pictures of the new engine to the Board. The board voted to approve the purchase of our backup engine for $54,900. We will fly our mechanic to Wisconsin to drive the engine back. This will be much cheaper than paying to have it shipped here.

Approval of purchase of new engine **MOTION** Linda **SECOND** Toni **CARRIED** 5-0

1. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence

Fire Chief’s Report

* Chief Prentice would like to purchase Airway Mannequins for training. $300 for Adult size and $100 for Newborn size.
* We need to purchase 5 Wildland helmets for $344.95.

Expense Report

Financial Report

Approval of Finances: **MOTION** Josie **SECOND** Sandy **CARRIED** 5-0

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Firefighter Therio to address the board with ideas on Department Debt- Linda

* He was unable to speak to the Board because an emergency call came in.

Steel Mesh Pit Cover- Linda

* Ex-Fire Chief Anselmo filled the hole in with sand. Linda asked if we could empty it in the future in case our mechanic needs to use it. Chief Prentice advised that our mechanic takes all of our vehicles to his shop in Vernon to work on them. Chief Prentice will ask our mechanic if he’d like it emptied.

Discussion of Budget and County Debt; possible action re: bank accounts

Chief Wood/Candice Davis

* Counsel Nicolas Cornelius explained the legal situation in which the District is involved. Treasurer Begay is requesting that we do a cost analysis on our budget. She is requiring a written plan for how our District is going to get our debt down.
* Chief Wood and Counsel Cornelius requested to be sent the last 5 years of journal activity to reconcile our warrant account.
* Treasurer Begay suggested we reach out to the Navajo Nation. The Chiefs will attempt to schedule appointments.
1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME** 5:21 **MOTION** Sandy **SECOND** Darla

Status of CON matters/ Arizona Dept. of Health Services matters, Federal Grant matters, Ambulance Matters, Accounting/CPA matters -Counsel/Chief Prentice/Tami

Litigation Matters: Snyder/Despain; DHS-Counsel

DeSpain CON hearing at Office of Administrative Hearings -Counsel

1. **NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON June 12th at 3:30pm MST.**
2. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Josie SECOND Darla @ 5:30pm**