**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Fire Board of the Puerco Valley Fire District will meet in regular session on ***March 20th, 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 3:37pm**
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES:** Directors Toni Wood, Linda Jones, Darla Basamania, and Josie Forrester (via telephone). Director Sandy Begay was absent. Also present was Chief Prentice, Chief Wood, Counsel Nicolas Cornelius (via zoom), Attorney Doug Allsworth (via telephone at 3:54pm) and Special Agent Randy Braucht from the Healthcare Fraud & Abuse Unit, Special Investigations section, Criminal Division from the AZ Attorney Generals Office. \*\*Josie left the meeting at 4:52pm\*\*
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC: NO PUBLIC PRESENT**

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 February 9th, 2025

**MOTION**  Josie **SECOND**  Linda **CARRIED** 4-0

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

* Chief Wood has started the process for the CON renewal. The paperwork is due on 4/3/2025.
* Audit- The audit has been completed and turned over to Chief Wood and Counsel Nicolas Cornelius. There were some problems that arose so Chief Wood, Nicolas Cornelius and Accountant Lisa Parke are working with Hinton Burdick to get the issues resolved.

Litigation matters: Snyder/DeSpain; DHS-Counsel

* The $172,000 that was mistakenly deposited into the wrong Wells Fargo account by our EMS billing company EMS/MC, has been returned to the district.
* The CON hearing is still on standby.
* There will be depositions done by the attorneys representing Cliff Snyder in early April, 2025. These will be done in Winslow and Counsel Jeffrey Matura from VFIS will be present.
* The Board requested to table any action related to DeSpain litigation.
* The Board signed a form provided by Special Investigator Randy Braucht giving him permission to investigate two computers that were provided to him

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

The Board voted to move $90,000 from the Auxiliary Account and $260,000 from the Ambulance Account.

Approval of transfer: **MOTION** Linda **SECOND** Darla **CARRIED** 4-0

Fireworks Contract- Chief Wood

* The contract is not available yet, will be tabled until next meeting.

1. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence

Fire Chief’s Report

* Chief Prentice ordered a 500 gallon gas tank to be put in the back of the station. This will be filled with unleaded gas. The tank didn’t cost the District anything. It will only be used in case of an emergency.

Expense Report

Financial Report

Approval of Finances: **MOTION** Linda **SECOND**  Darla **CARRIED** 4-0

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME** 3:40pm **MOTION**  Darla **SECOND** Linda 4-0

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; Recovery of funds in wrong WF acct; DHS-Counsel

DeSpain CON hearing at Office of Administrative Hearings -Counsel

Returned to regular session at 4:42pm

1. **NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON April 10th at 3:30pm MST.**
2. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SECOND\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**