

ORACLE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 4, 2014 • Approved March 4, 2014

Meeting was officially called to order at 6:00pm, Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 1475 W. American Ave., Oracle, AZ.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chairman Bristow, Clerk McMurry, OFDBMs Doran and Navarro.

Members Absent: OFDBs Brown

Staff Present: Operations Fire Chief Southard , Admin. Chief Acosta

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Chairman Bristow presented the minutes from the January 6th Board meeting and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none. OFDBM Doran made a motion to accept the January minutes as presented. Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

3. CALL TO PUBLIC.

No response.

4. CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

Also attached: January 2014 Financial Reports and Call Load Reports.

- COMMUNITY RECOGNITION ADDITION: The 2013 Firewise Property Award was presented to Ms. Nancy Patten, by Chief Southard and Firewise Co-Chair Rachel Opinsky.
- GRANT REPORT ADDITION: The State Wildland has \$20,000 remaining from a grant that was being used in Catalina. However, the project is completed, so Chief Southard has requested the remaining funds be used in Oracle, in which case we will have the DOC crews back here exclusively.
- CHIEF'S PERSONAL SITUATION: Chief's house is now in escrow and he has been looking for suitable housing in Oracle, but there is currently a lack of either rentals or houses for sale. Therefore, he requested the Board grant him an exception to live out-of-district, if needed, until he finds something in Oracle. A discussion ensued, after which Chairman Bristow made a motion to deviate from policy and allow the Chief to live out of district. Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. If Chief does leave the district, his situation will be reviewed every six months.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FIRE BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS AND OTHER CHANGES AS PERSENTED WITHIN THE DRAFT COPY OF THE ORACLE FIRE BOARD BY-LAWS DATED FEBRUARY 2014. (See attached copy of By-Laws including proposed changes)

Chairman Bristow read the proposed changes, highlighted in yellow, on page 1. There was no discussion. OFDBM Doran made a motion to accept the changes as presented. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Bristow then read the proposed changes, highlighted in yellow, on page 2. There was no discussion. OFDBM Doran made a motion to accept the changes as presented. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Bristow then read the proposed changes, highlighted in yellow, on page 3, regarding electing officers. A brief discussion ensued. Chairman Bristow stated that he would prefer OFDBM Brown to be present during these elections. OFDBM Doran made a motion to accept the changes as presented. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The Board determined that the election of officers should take place. OFDBM Doran nominated OFDBM Navarro for Chairman. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

It was decided to wait for OFDBM Brown to be present for the election of OFDB Clerk. Until the election takes place, OFDBM McMurry will remain in his current position of Clerk.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORM A BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2014/2015 OPERATIONS BUDGET.

Both Chairman Bristow and OFDBM Doran suggested that OFDBM (now Chairman) Navarro and Brown be on the committee, since they were not last year. Board members Bristow, Doran and McMurry will assist when needed.

Chief stated that the new tax rates should become available by February 15th, and that he will call each board member to notify them.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

OFDBM Doran made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. This was seconded by OFDB Clerk McMurry. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm. **Next regular board meeting: Tues., March 4, 2014 at 6pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Tina Acosta – Administrative Chief

Reviewed by OFD Board Clerk Bill McMurry:_____

Footnote: The recorder is malfunctioning. Consequently, there is not a recording of this meeting.