



**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING, January 22nd, 2019**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/Affirmation of Quorum:

Chairperson Michelle Bell called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Whetstone Fire District Station 321 classroom, 2422 N Firehouse Lane, Huachuca City, Arizona.

Members Present: Michelle Bell, Chairperson
Albert Suhajda, Clerk
Bobby Chapman, Board Member
Pamela Cohen, Board Member
Wanda Pike, Board Member

Staff Present: Cathy Dyer

It was determined a quorum existed.

Call to the Public:

Steve Usrey is present to speak about item number two on today's agenda which is as follows: Review, Discussion and Possible action of lease or renting options of the Whetstone Fire District Building, currently occupied by Whetstone Water District located at 2424 N Calle Segundo, Huachuca City, Az 85616. Michelle Bell suggests that he hold his comments until that item is discussed. He agreed.

Old Business:

NO OLD BUSINESS TO DISCUSS

New Business:

1. Amendment and Possible Action of Public Session Minutes for December 2018

MOTION:	Move to accept public session minutes for December 2018
RESULT:	Minutes approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Wanda Pike
SECONDED:	Bobby Chapman

2. Review, Discussion and Possible action of Lease or Renting Options of the Whetstone Fire District Building, Currently Occupied by Whetstone Water District. The Building is Located at 2424 N Calle Segundo, Huachuca City, AZ 85616. Michelle Bell makes a motion to discuss, Pamela Cohen seconds the motion

Steve Usrey spoke on the history of how the Whetstone Water District came to occupy the building located at 2424 N. Calle Segundo, Huachuca City, AZ 85616. He states the

Whetstone Water District does not want to put more money into the building due to the "short term" lease. The current lease that is in motion is due to expire in two and a half years. He states that they have explored options to build a building on the other side of the highway however they would also like to possibly enter into another lease agreement with the Whetstone Fire District. He gave an example lease of "\$1/year for 99 years". With that, Michelle Bell inquired what the Whetstone Water District would be responsible for in regards to the lease agreement and reminded Mr. Usrey that the board has an obligation to the district to remain fiscally responsible. Mr. Usrey stated that he was only using those terms as an example and explains that they are looking for a lease agreement at a "low cost".

Michelle Bell requested a copy of the lease so that the board members could be properly informed of the current conditions of the lease agreement. Cathy stated she would be sure to obtain copies for the board.

MOTION:	Motion to table this item for next month's board meeting
RESULT:	approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Bobby Chapman
SECONDED:	Albert Suhajda

3. Review, Discussion and Possible action of financial reports

Cathy presented:

Closing balance as of December 2018:

- **Operations Account: \$250,727.79**
- **Reserve Account: \$135,177.27**
- **Volunteer Pension: \$41,774.66**

Actual Operations Account balance to date (January 22nd, 2019) is \$312,244.15.
1st quarter payment of \$102,500.00 received from Huachuca City

MOTION:	Move to accept financial reports as presented
RESULT:	approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Albert Suhajda
SECONDED:	Bobby Chapman

Chief's Report:

Chief is not present however Cathy advised the board that the district has 5 new volunteers, 4 of which are EMT certified and 3 of those 4 are also Fire I&II certified. Lt Speer advised that the new year training calendars have been made and new mandatory trainings are taking place.

Board Members' Comments:

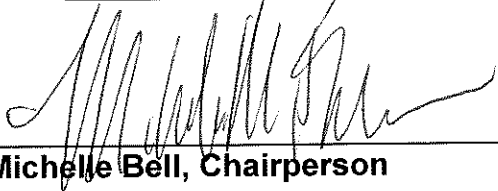
NONE

Future Agenda Items:

1. Review tabled item number 2: Review, discussion and possible action of lease or renting options of the Whetstone Fire District building located at 2424 N. Calle Segundo, which is currently occupied by the Whetstone Water District.

Adjournment:

MOTION:	Adjourn the meeting
RESULT:	Approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Albert Suhajda
SECONDED:	Wanda Pike



Michelle Bell, Chairperson

Cathy Dyer, Office Manager

Approved: _____