BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 2022

Bowie Fire District
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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the Bowie Fire District will hold a regular scheduled meeting on Monday May 9, 2022 at the Bowie Fire Dept. located at 118 W. Kinchilla Bowie, AZ 85605 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(3) the Board may vote to enter executive session for legal advice, discussion and consultation pertaining to any matter listed on the agenda, and an attorney may appear by conference call. Executive sessions are not open to the public.

Action Agenda

1. Call to Order – Time: 4:02 PM
Florina called meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. Roll call of the Fire Board Members
Florina Christiernsson, present.
Penni Goodman, here and Barb Earhart, here.
Florina – All board members present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance
Florina, Board Chair led all in the pledge of allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2022 Board meeting.
Florina – As a reminder, when you are typing the minutes from the recording, you must word the motions and voting exactly as spoken at the meeting. For example, when we make a motion to approve the warrants/checks, we always say the check numbers. That needs to be in the printed minutes as well. Did everyone have a chance to look over the minutes? Penni and Barb answered yes.

Florina asked if anyone had any questions. Penni and Barb both answered no.
Florina – Do I have a motion to approve the minutes from April 13th meeting?
Penni – I make a motion to approve minutes from April 13th meeting.
Barb – I second. All in favor? Ayes.
Florina – Motion carries.

5. Reports and Correspondence- The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on this matter unless that specific matter is properly identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of a report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

6. Fire Chiefs Report- Chief Minnick has a list for the Bowie Fire District Auxiliary of ideas/possible activities or events we could do over the summer and throughout the year. We have a little projector we can project a movie outside at night on the back of the bay doors. Have a "Family Movie Night " for free and sell popcorn and sodas for $.50 refreshments. Karaoke is another idea. We would also like to have a "Porky and Pancake" breakfast some Saturday morning. We have another Bingo event coming soon and some of the ladies in town are interested in maybe having a Dance Night.

Chief mentioned he wants to ask the orchards if they could help us out with donations to get the little rescue truck repaired. We really do need to get it on the road ready to go on calls.. It is not doing the district any good just sitting there.
Another thing we did is spent $511.00 replacing the lighting in the big bay area with LED lights. Half of our lights weren't working; it was so dark and dim in there at night. It is so much brighter in there. It makes a huge difference.

We contacted SSVEC about putting those big orange markers on the overhead power lines at the RV Park where the helicopters have been landing. They are sending someone out to look everything over and should be installing the safety markers in a few weeks.

Calls we went on- Last month we had 18 calls we went on in Bowie and 6 calls in San Simon. We had 3 brush fires in Bowie. We got paged out for 2 structure fires in Willcox but both were canceled. We had a stabbing. We had a 901 that was actually in San Simon. 2 falls, we had a call from DPS for trauma, 5 MVA's and 2 medicals.
In San Simon, we had an electrical hazard fire which turned out to be a generator a guy was starting up and a turbo blew. One semi rollover, the 901, 2 medical calls and 1 MVA.

7. Board Reports -
A. Board Chair – Florina Christiernsson

Florina reminded everyone to always be professional in all situations no matter how stressful because we represent the Fire District all the time, not just on calls. Don't always believe everything you hear because rumors go around these small towns and hearsay can get blown out of proportion very quickly.
B. Board Treasurer – Barbara Earhart – I have nothing at this time.
C. Board Member – Penni Goodman – I have nothing at this time.

8. Admin Report – Beth DeSpain
We are seeing a little increase in income this past 3 weeks. The second half of property taxes are due now through end of May. Then unfortunately, the income will decrease down to practically nothing until around mid October through mid December when property taxes come due for another year. Currently our accounts are: the operating account has $22,429.19, the payroll account has $10,927.23 and the reserve account has $3,042.27.
I am paying utilities in advance for the next 5 months. Our insurance and workman's comp is current.

9. Old Business-
A. Discussion on billing San Simon Fire District for fuel reimbursement.

B. Approval of Warrants/Checks written January 11th through April 12th, 2022.

C. On Saturday, April 16th the Bowie Fire District Auxiliary will have an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. This event will take place at the Bowie Fire Station starting at 10:00 am. Fliers are being posted at the Bowie Post Office and on social media.

10. New Business- Discussion/ Approval –
A. Approval of Warrants/checks from April 13 to May 8, 2022
Penni made a motion to approve Warrants/checks written from April 13 to May 8, 2022. Check numbers 1127 to 1140. Barb seconded the motion. Florina ask all in favor? Ayes. Motion carries. Warrants approved.

B. Change time/date of Bowie Fire District board meetings
Florina stated that she believes all board members are in favor of changing the monthly time of the board meetings to 4:00 pm from 6:00 pm. All agreed this was better for everyone including the Admin who drives over from San Simon where she lives. Proper procedure is to vote on approval by board members. Florina makes a motion to approve changing the time of board meetings from 6:00 pm to 4:00 pm for future meetings. Penni seconded. All in favor? Ayes. Motion carries.

C. Notice of Election November 8, 2002

Penni Goodman is up for re-election this November and will be on the ballot. The Bowie Fire District will post in the newspaper a Call for Election in May and again in June. We will submit Penni's paperwork with the election office in June. With the Call for Election posted, anyone in the district interested in running may do so. After that, in September and October, we will publish the Notice of Election in the same newspaper (the Herald) stating location of polls, poll hours, purpose and name of district.
The remaining board members (Florina Christiernsson and Barbara Earhart) are due to be re-elected in November of 2024.
This information is for discussion only.

D. Changes to Mutual Aid agreement with San Simon Fire District
Everyone received a revised copy of Mutual Aid Agreement with San Simon Fire District. Chief Minnick went over the changes as is. Changes being as follows:
[(5.) Bowie Fire District will respond to call in San Simon Fire District Monday – Thursday 7am to 4pm when no one is available at a rate of $250.00 for the first two hours and $125.00 per hour after. This will help Bowie Fire District with rising fuel costs and rising medical cost and wear and tear on equipment.]
This document needs to be approved by the Bowie Fire District, signed by the Chief and Board Chair. The San Simon Fire District is having their Board meeting tomorrow night (6:00pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2022). This same agreement is on the agenda over there and this will be presented to them for their approval and signatures.
Florina made a motion to approve the changes made to the mutual aid agreement where San Simon Fire will be charged $250.00 for the first hour and $125.00 per hour after. Penni seconded the motion. All in favor? Ayes from all board members. Motion carries. At this time, the agreement was signed and dated by the Chief and the Board Chair.

E. The Bowie Fire District Auxiliary will have Bingo on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the fire station. Details and time will be posted soon.
This event will be at 1:00 pm. Snacks and drinks will be available. This is to be posted at the Post Office and the website "Where in the heck is Bowie?"
This is for discussion only.

11. Call to Public - No Public

12. Adjournment time: 4:50 pm
Penni motioned to adjourn. Florina seconded. All in favor? Ayes from all members. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Next Board meeting is on June 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm

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Board Meeting Sign In Sheet

Date May 9, 2022

Beth DeSpain
Barb Earhart
Pam Goodman
Florina Christiansson
Marty

Warrants/checks writtten April 14, 2022 toM May 8, 2022

4/18/2022	1127	Southwest Gas	$110.51
4/18/2022	1128	Bowie Fire District	$2,500.00
4/20/2022	1129	One AZ Credit Union	$2,000.00
4/20/2022	1130	Dept of Public Safety	$40.00
4/26/2022	1131	Aaron Ragan	$45.00
5/4/2022	1132	Bowie Fire District	$12,000.00
5/4/2022	1133	Quill.com	$27.19
5/4/2022	1134	Valley Telecom	$194.52
5/5/2022	1135	SSVEC	$272.71
5/5/2022	1136	Rattlesnake Exterminating	$105.00
5/5/2022	1137	Bowie Water	$51.98
5/5/2022	1138	Cochise County Fire Association	$50.00
5/5/2022	1139	Aaron Ragan	$120.00
5/5/2022	1140	Dean Ragan	$40.00

To The perspective Donors

Bowie Fire District is Looking for Donors To help us with a Engine Rebuild for our 2007 Ford F550 6.0 Engine.

This Vehicle would be used for medical and Brush Fires and Vehicle fires. IT is alot smaller and more convinent on Scenes Than our heavy Rescue.

The TOTal price is $18550.00 This includes all Labor and rebuild Cost. If you could help it would be very much Appecated.

Bowie Fire District will be Placing all Donors names on A Donors plaque up at Fire station To be Displayed at all events held at Fire station

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1. Porky + Pancake Breakfest
2. Karaoke
3. Movie night in back with projector
4. Bingo
5. Dance night
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San Simon Fire District

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MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

This agreement, made and entered into this ____ day of ____, 2022 by and between San Simon Fire District, San Simon, AZ and the Bowie Fire District, Bowie, AZ both being volunteer fire districts in the county of Cochise, State of Arizona.

WITNESSED

Whereas, it is the desire of the San Simon Fire District and the Bowie Fire District to enter into a mutual fire protection assistance agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

1. That the San Simon Fire District may respond to calls for help received from the Fire Chief or other authorized person(s) in command of or responsible for fire protection in the Bowie Fire District; provided, however that response is to be given only when the San Simon Fire District is not otherwise occupied and only when the services of the responding unit can be spared by the San Simon Fire District with a margin of safety to protect their citizens and property, and provided further that the Bowie Fire District agrees not to call for such help unless the fire in their district is out of control or of such proportions that it cannot be handled by their equipment or in the event their Fire District is engaged in fighting a fire simultaneously. This is also in agreement for any emergency call.

2. That the Bowie Fire District may respond to calls for help received from the Fire Chief or other authorized person(s) in command of or responsible for fire protection in the San Simon Fire District provided; however, that response is to be given only when the Bowie Fire District is not otherwise occupied and only when the services of the responding unit can be spared by the Bowie Fire District with a margin of safety to protect their citizens and property, and provided further that the San Simon Fire District agrees not to call for such help unless the fire in their district is out of control or of such proportions that it cannot be handled by their equipment or in the event their fire district is engaged in fighting a fire simultaneously. This is also in agreement for any emergency call.

Mutual Aid Agreement (cont'd)

3. It is understood and agreed that the Fire Chief of the party requesting assistance shall be sole judge of how much assistance is needed , and the Fire Chief of the party receiving the request for assistance shall be sole judge of how much of the requested assistance it shall furnish in given instance, and neither party is in any way liable to the other , or any person , firm , or corporation ,for the failure to request or to give the assistance.

4. It is understood and agreed that the assisting fire units shall work under the direction of the Fire Chief or other authorized person (s) directing the firefighters or emergency call for the party requesting assistance.

5. Bowie Fire District will respond to call in San Simon Monday – Thursday 7am- 4pm when no one is available at a rate of $250.00 for the first two hours and $ 125.00 per hour after. This will help Bowie Fire District with rising fuel cost and rising medical cost and wear and tear on equipment.

This mutual aid agreement shall continue in force until terminated by formal act of the governing body (board) by either or both parties to this agreement, and if terminated by one only, 30 days notice of intention to terminate shall be given to the party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have here unto set their signatures this _____ day of _____, 2022

San Simon Fire District

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Board Chair

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Fire Chief

Bowie Fire District

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Board Chair

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Fire Chief