

# Bouse Volunteer Fire Board Minutes

## September 22, 2018

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM

**Roll call of officers:** David Boyer, Chairman, present - Jim Pontious, Clerk, present - John Newman, Treasurer, absent - John Novak, Fire Chief also present.

**Approval of minutes:** Jim Pontious made the motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2018 meeting as written; David Boyer second the motion, motion carried

**Approval of financial report:** Parker Accounting sent final report from them as Fire District will be change over to Ironwood Accounting on October 1, 2018. Discussion on new format for report to be easier for us to understand. Jim Pontious made the motion to approve the financial report; David Boyer, seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Novak gave update of the move of the office to the La Paz Sheriff's office in order to get started on the remodel of current office into crew quarters and Fire District Office. Still waiting on the building permits from the La Paz County and State Fire Marshall's permit.

Fire Chief John Novak gave an update on all the necessary repairs to all the Fire District Vehicles. The White truck will be ready for posting for sale with one more repair. The equipment necessary for Fire District operation for rescue operations. Chief Novak had received a quote for cost of the upgrading this equipment plus all maintenance necessary as needed. Chief Novak gave an update on the purchase of new Squad from Peebles Valley Fire District. Darlings has given us a 25% discount on pump repairs for the new Squad.

**Community Outreach Coordinator's report:** none

### Old Business:

- a. Discuss updating components of the current Holmatro Hydraulic Extrication Tools (Jaws of Life)
- b. Discuss purchasing new Holmatro components.
  1. The company has offered us a good quote for the tools that include the all maintenance that may be needed after purchase. This will replace old

and outdated equipment we now use. This company will carry contract until BVFD gets their funds in November. This will be a six (6) months deferment of payment and at that time will be paid in full. Jim Pontious made the motion to accept this proposal; David Boyer seconded the motion, motion carried.

**New Business:**

computer has been moved and set up in the new area. They are now waiting on Frontier for the phones to be moved.

**Reports:**

**A. Committee Reports:**

**1. Policy Committee:** chief Novak said that the first round of policies has been completed and will be meeting with Ted Finkbeiner and Jim Pontious in the future to complete the policies for the Bouse Volunteer Fire District. The completed policies will be looked over by an attorney to make sure that they are following state and federal regulations.

**2. Building Committee:** most of this report was covered in chief's report. John Bennett is to get the dumpster before any demolition will occur. Waiting on all permits from State fire Marshall and La Paz County before any construction can be done. APS required electrical upgrade which will be done as soon as we have the permits.

**Call to Public:** George Nault asked about the new equipment that we will be acquiring if the fire personnel are trained to use this equipment. Chief Novak responded that all fire personnel have been trained on various types of equipment during their training before becoming certified firemen. George Nault was given the records he had requested in writing and had a question regarding the fees presented for these records. He presented a copy of regulations regarding fees and Jim Pontious presented him with a copy of his written request with the fees for these records as instructed by him. George Nault wrote check for the amount on the invoice and received the records.

There was a question by the public as to where these funds would be placed. Jim Pontious responded that this money would go to the general fund.

George Nault requested that the fire district also post a meeting agenda at his facility, the Ocotillo. This was agreed to by David Boyer and Jim Pontious so that Chief Novak will make sure that it would be done.

**Board Member Comments:** none

**Fire Chief's comments:** Chief Novak wanted to inform the board that he received a phone call from La Paz deputy attorney that the fire districts will no longer get any legal help and will have to seek their own attorney. The La Paz County tax mess will be a deficit for the Bouse Fire District will be \$1300. Our district wasn't hit as hard as Quartzsite. This error was found in June of this year but was ignored when it could have been corrected in August of this year.

**Community Outreach Coordinator Comments:** none

**Set date and time for next meeting:** next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2008 at 12:00pm

**Adjourn:** the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM