

**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING, 18 AUG 2021**

1) CALL TO ORDER at 1800

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL/ AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

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

Members Present: Chairperson – Trevor Thompson
Clerk – Dave Johnson
Board Member – Steve Hanson
Board Member – Bruce Harris
Board Member -

Staff Present: BC Sam Foster
Financial Officer Cathy Dyer

Absent: None

It was determined a quorum existed with five board members present.

4) CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NONE

5) CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There were four individuals who all expressed concerns about the minutes from the Monthly Meeting on 16 June 2021.

HC Mayor:	Johann R Wallace
HC Town Manager	Suzanne Harvey
HC Finance Clerk	Kristy Ramirez
HCPD:	Jim Thies

6) REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

A. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- 119 calls for service
- Type 3 engine is back from Washington
- Medic 322 returned to service after blown line to turbo
- Engine 322 is in for maintenance
- Rescue 321 waiting to be sent off for possible blown turbos
- Brush 321 still in service
- Building conditions, both have leaks in roof, HC has arranged for 324 to be fixed
- WFD has been invited to participate in 911 ceremony at station 203 in SV

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- WFD will be partnering with RedIron Motorcycle club for toy run Dec 4th
- Did not get selected for the Governor's Highway Safety Grant, still waiting to hear back on the AFC grant

B. FIRE BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORT: Nothing to report

7) OLD BUSINESS: NONE

1. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; Agenda Item

MOTION:	Move to accept
RESULT:	approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	

8) NEW BUSINESS:

2. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; Accept Meeting minutes from June 23rd, 25th, 25th, 28th, 29th and Aug 11

MOTION:	To accept meeting minutes
RESULT:	5-0 All in Favor
MOVED BY:	Dave Johnson
SECONDED:	Steve Hanson

3. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; Appointment/Swear in New Board Member Rodney Weichelt

MOTION:	
RESULT:	Rodney Weichelt was sworn in as new member of the WFD Board
MOVED BY:	
SECONDED:	

4. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; Huachuca City IGA Payment Schedule/2018 KME Interface Pumper

MOTION:	To keep current payment at \$102,500.00 per current IGA
RESULT:	5 - 0 All in Favor
MOVED BY:	Trevor Thompson
SECONDED:	Steve Hanson

5. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; Mandated Open Meeting Law Training for Board Members and Key Staff

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MOTION:	
RESULT:	Awaiting for date and hopefully training will be an In-House
MOVED BY:	
SECONDED:	

6. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; July 2021 Financial Report

MOTION:	To accept the July 2021 Financial Report
RESULT:	5 - 0 All in Favor
MOVED BY:	Trevor Thompson
SECONDED:	Dave Johnson

7. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of; Fire Chief Contract - Review of Chief's Contract and Discussion

MOTION:	For Trevor Thompson to send Mr. Jarvis the updated Fire Chief Contract and also send it to the Lawyer for any changes needed
RESULT:	5 - 0 All in Favor
MOVED BY:	Dave Johnson
SECONDED:	Bruce Harris

9) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

10) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Steve Hanson commented on the public's concerns pertaining to the June 16th 2021 Meeting Minutes

Thank you, Huachuca City representatives, for coming down and speaking with us this evening. We do need to have better dialogue. What we don't say to one another. There's an old saying nature abhors a vacuum. And when you don't have the information you've manifested its worst scenario. And I think some of what I heard you say going okay well we don't see it that way. And, obviously, the solution to us seeing things the same way is talking more. I do want you to know that I've been up to see you folks three times. You think you'd recognize the curly hair. I was there the nite that you folks. I stood outside like you just did for a long time while you decided to appoint this young lady as your city manager, so I have been up there. And it is a new board. And we've been without a fire chief. We've had an acting fire chief I think who's done a good job. We've gone through three different chairpersons in the last year, so some of this is just the consequences of change, a lot of change on our part. And if your house isn't in order, it's pretty hard to go out and talk to your counterparts, and have them understand where you're coming from. One thing that's really important to us is the IGA. I don't think we've been sitting here in a vacuum saying, Well, we're going to work on it and when we get done with it we will give it to you. What I've seen is an IGA, with a lot of

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changes you folks provided us. And we've taken the time to take those IGA, comments, and then add to them, our comments but we're still, we just sort of set aside the IGA because we had six months, except six months period to, to set it aside, if you will, and really focus in on getting the new fire chief, because that's probably the most important thing we do while we're in this position is make sure that we have a good fire chief and we have a good budget. Something I do have a difference of opinion. And that is on the comments that had to do with access to the fire stations. And that meant comments were made, that, you know, you shouldn't come in our fire stations and it was sort of framed as theft or, you know, we go in there we're honorable people. Why would we come in and steal from you? But I think what I heard from both the employees and the union was that this is their home. I mean it's their home first and then it's a fire station. Second, and they have their purses out, they have their wallets out, they have their personal belongings here because they spend a lot of time here, and they are sensitive of people coming into their house. All right, they're not saying that they're thieves. It's just like if I had an office and you strolled into my office. Well that's my personal space. And so, if you think that they were trying to convey that somehow you folks were not above board. I think that's just a misunderstanding. I think really where they're coming from, is, hey, this is our home to treat it with respect. And maybe it came out wrong in the words. Okay, but don't take it any deeper than that. Okay folks, because we are finally a family together. And the most important thing I heard you say is well we didn't see a notice here we didn't see a notice there. And I assure you, after this meeting we will make sure that we do a better job of being transparent with respect to noticing. Okay. And we'll come up and visit you more frequently.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:	Adjourn the meeting at 1927
RESULT:	5 - 0 All in Favor
MOVED BY:	Dave Johnson
SECONDED:	Steve Hanson

Trevor Thompson, Chairperson

Dave Johnson, Clerk

Approved: _____