



**MINUTES OF THE WHETSTONE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING, February 26th, 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
Bobby Chapman, Board Member
Pamela Cohen, Board Member
Wanda Pike, Board Member

Members Absent: Albert Suhajda, Clerk

Staff Present: Chief Bidon
Cathy Dyer

It was determined a quorum existed.

Call to the Public:

Steve Usrey from the Whetstone Water Office board is present to speak on the old business item and would like to hold his comments until that item comes up.

Old Business:

- 1. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of Lease or Renting options of the Whetstone Fire District Building, currently occupied by the Whetstone Water District. The building is located at 2424 N Calle Segundo, Huachuca City, AZ 85616.**

Steve Usrey explains that the current board was made aware of the upcoming end to their lease for the building in question on April 17th, 2022. He is interested in finding out what options are available once the lease comes to term. He states that he received correspondence from March of 2009 giving the Whetstone Water District 180 days to vacate the premises as well as correspondence from November of 2008 from the county attorney.

At this time Chief Bidon explains that the November 2008 correspondence was between himself and the county attorney advising that the existing lease agreement with the water office was in fact an illegal lease. He goes on to state that the county attorney advised of a conflict of interest on their part due to the fact that they represent the Whetstone Fire District as well as the Whetstone Water District and both parties would need to obtain new legal counsel. Chief then states after the notice to vacate was delivered, the Whetstone Water District threatened the Fire District with a lawsuit. In order keep the district financial responsible, the Fire District board made the decision to let the current lease run to term and revisit the matter at that time.

Chief advises the board to take 60 days and have work sessions before making a definite decision on this matter. He advises that there are many options that need to be explored. Mr.

Usrey is eager to know the board's decision so that the Water District has time to make other arrangements if leasing the building is not an option and would like to be present for the work sessions. He requests a courtesy notification so that he may attend the work sessions. His information was collected by Cathy Dyer.

MOTION:	Move to table this item in lieu of work sessions
RESULT:	Approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Bobby Chapman
SECONDED:	Pamela Cohen

New Business:

1. Amendment and Possible Action of Public Session Minutes for January 2019

MOTION:	Move to accept public session minutes for January 2019
RESULT:	Minutes approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Bobby Chapman
SECONDED:	Wanda Pike

2. Review, Discussion and Possible Action of Obligor Resolution 2019-01 Government Obligation Contract Between the Kansas State Bank and the Whetstone Fire District for one 2018 KME Interface Pumper.

This resolution is for the board to finalize the government obligation contract for the type 3 apparatus from Huachuca City.

MOTION:	Move to finalize the government obligation contract between Kansas State Bank and the Whetstone Fire District for one 2018 KME Interface Pumper.
RESULT:	Approved, all in favor none opposed
MOVED BY:	Bobby Chapman
SECONDED:	Wanda Pike

3. Review, Discussion and Possible action of financial reports

Cathy presented:

Closing balance as of January 2019:

- **Operations Account: \$258,954.04**
- **Reserve Account: \$135,177.27**
- **Volunteer Pension: \$41,774.66**

Actual Operations Account balance to date (February 26th, 2019) is \$202,785.29.

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

Chief's Report:

-report provided for the board-

Board Members' Comments:

Introduction of new fire fighter Jeremiah Thompson

Future Agenda Items:

1. Review tabled item upon completion of work sessions and pending collected information:

TABLED ITEM: 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:	Bobby Chapman
SECONDED:	Wanda Pike



Michelle Bell, Chairperson



Cathy Dyer, Office Manager

Approved:
