



**BUCKEYE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Board Chairman Melanie Hardy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was held in person and by video/telephone conference.

Members Present: Board Chairman Melanie Hardy, Board Clerk Gary Benson, Board Members Paul Hunter, John Heiden, and Danny Richardson (via teleconference).

Members Absent: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chairman Hardy, followed by an invocation by Board Member Hunter.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Recognition: Volunteer Mike Linderman

Board Member Paul Hunter presented an award to Mike Linderman in appreciation of his dedication and contributions to the district as a volunteer. Mr. Linderman spoke about his years as a volunteer and how thankful he was to the District for the years he was able to serve and what the District does for the citizens.

B. Years of Service Certificate Presentation

Chief Burdick presented Years of Service Certificates to the members present.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ms. Sara Simonton of the James Vincent Group presented the Buckeye Valley Fire District Board with the May Financial Reports and answered all questions from the Board Members.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports for May 2023.

B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023.

Board Chairman Hardy moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board approve all items on the Consent agenda. Board Member Hunter seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.**

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Hold a public hearing relating to the adoption of Resolution No. 2223-03 of the Buckeye Valley Fire District adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget & Operational Plan, Bond Debt Service Fund Budget & Operational Plan, and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

1. Open the public hearing.
2. Receive public comments.
3. Close the public hearing.
4. Board Member comments.
5. Discussion and Possible Action relating to the adoption of Resolution No. 2223-03 of the Buckeye Valley Fire District adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget & Operational Plan, Bond Debt Service Fund Budget & Operational Plan, and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Sara Simonton, JVG Representative, provided a presentation reviewing the Fiscal Year 2023/24 annual budget. Board Chairman Hardy opened a public hearing for public comment and no public comments were made. The public hearing was closed.

In response to an inquiry, Fire Chief Burdick stated the Peer Support Coordinator position has been filled and there is currently an HR Generalist position open, but Administration has elected not to fill any additional open positions until after the reorganization is complete.

In response to an inquiry relating to Buckeye Valley employees fully entering the AFMA pay scale given the negotiated increases in their pay, Chief Burdick clarified that full implementation to the AFMA pay scale will not occur until July 2024 as dictated by the adopted Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

In response to an inquiry Administrative Director Dusty Christopherson stated there have been no inquiries or comments received from the public relating to the proposed fire district tax rate increase.

Board Chairman Hardy moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 2223-03 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget & Operational Plan, Bond Debt Service Fund Budget, Operational Plan, and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Board Member Hunter seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.**

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. BVFD General Updates
1. Operations/EMS
 - i. Response Activity Report – May 2023

Deputy Chief Don Wiley presented the May BVFD Response Activity Reports and updated the Board on the implementation of the Emergency Medical Services BIN System and the roll out of the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus's.

B. Local 4371

Local 4371 President Chris Rogers presented the Local update and noted that both AFMA 3573 and Local 4371 will continue to work together until they are fully merged. The vote will go before the IAFF in July. The next Charities event will be the Heatwave Hangout on August 19, 2023, at Tim Flannigans in Glendale.

C. AFMA Updates

Administrative Director Christopherson announced that a Financial Report training would be available in August.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BVFD Governing Board may convene into Executive Session for items listed on the agenda. Only those persons who are necessary may attend the Executive Session. All persons who remain during the Executive Session are reminded that the business conducted in Executive Session, including all discussion taking place therein, is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person, except as permitted by law.

A. Discussion on matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-401.03(A)(3) for legal advice relating to personnel matters.

Board Clerk Benson moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board convene into Executive Session to discuss issues relating to ARS § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice relating to personnel. Board Member Hunter seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED**, 4-0. 7:30 p.m.

(Reconvene Regular Board Meeting) 7:36 p.m.

10. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

No items were suggested for future Board Meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hunter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion was seconded by Board Member Heiden.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED**, 4-0.