



**BUCKEYE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was held both in person and by video/telephone conference.

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

Members Absent: Board Member Danny Richardson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chairman Hardy. The Invocation was led by Board Member Hunter.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

North County Fire & Medical District Board Member James Young spoke of his appreciation for the board member holiday recognition hosted by the Buckeye Valley Fire District in December 2023.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATES

A. Buckeye Valley Fire District Financial Reports for August, September, October, and November 2023.

Finance Director Rebecca Chitwood presented the Financial Reports for August, September, October, and November 2023 and noted the slow reporting of ambulance revenue is due to the transition to MediClaim Data Services which began in August 2023. All questions from Board Members were answered.

B. Receive a brief training on reading the new monthly financial reports.

Director Chitwood provided the BVFD Board with a brief training on the monthly financial reports and answered all questions from Board Members.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports.

B. Approve Transfer of Revenues from Buckeye Valley Fire District to Arizona Fire & Medical Authority (AFMA) in accordance with the AFMA Joint Powers Authority Intergovernmental Agreement.

- C. Approve Board Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2023.
- D. Adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-1 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-025; located in Buckeye Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona (Property Owner: Roosevelt Logistics Center QOZB, LLC)
- E. Adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-2 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-006A; located in Buckeye Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona (Property Owner: Roosevelt Logistics Center QOZB, LLC)
- F. Adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-3 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-009; located in Buckeye Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona (Property Owner: Roosevelt Logistics Center QOZB, LLC)

Board Member Heiden moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board approve all items on the Consent agenda, with the exception of items 5D, 5E, and 5F. Board Clerk Benson seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Benson, Hardy, Heiden, Hunter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Richardson

On order of the Chairperson, items removed from the Consent Agenda were considered.

- E. Adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-2 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-006A; located in Buckeye Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona (Property Owner: Roosevelt Logistics Center QOZB, LLC)

Board Clerk Benson moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-2 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-006A. Board Member Heiden seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Benson, Hardy, Heiden, Hunter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Richardson

- F. Adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-3 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-009; located in Buckeye Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona (Property Owner: Roosevelt Logistics Center QOZB, LLC)

Board Chairman Hardy moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-3 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-009. Board Member Heiden seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Benson, Hardy, Heiden, Hunter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Richardson

- D. Adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-1 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-025; located in Buckeye Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona (Property Owner: Roosevelt Logistics Center QOZB, LLC)

Board Member Heiden moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board adopt Resolution No. BV23-1219-1 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 504-11-025. Board Member Hunter seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Benson, Hardy, Heiden, Hunter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Richardson

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Accept presentation from AZDC Consulting on efforts to obtain federal funding to support Authority capital needs.

Board Clerk Benson reviewed the presentation provided by AZDC Consulting at the AFMA Board Meeting on December 19, 2023 and noted the planned efforts to bring federal funding into the Fire Districts and the Authority.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action relating to approval of the 2024 meeting schedule.

Director Christopherson discussed the effort to get all member districts on the same meeting schedule for ease of administration and consistency for the public, noting that the North County Fire & Medical District and the South County Fire & Medical District each approved a bi-monthly meeting schedule beginning in February 2024.

Board Member Hunter moved that the Buckeye Valley Fire District Governing Board approve the regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2024 as discussed. Board Chairman Hardy seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Benson, Hardy, Heiden, Hunter
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Richardson

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Local 4371/Local 3571 Updates

Scott Dial, President Local 3571 provided the Governing Board with updates on the Firefighter Charities Activities for December 2023, and lobbying efforts to increase fire district funding through partnerships with the Professional Firefighters Association (PFFA).

B. AFMA Updates

Chief Burdick announced the selection of Assistant Chief Joe Hester as Citizen of the Year for the City of Goodyear, the resignations of both North County Fire & Medical District Board Member David Wilson on December 19, 2023 and Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lee Miller effective January 5, 2024. Chief Burdick noted that the law firm of Faith, Ledyard, & Faith will be the interim legal representative for the Authority and all member districts until a full recruitment can be completed.

8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

Board Members requested updates on the Certificate of Necessity mediations with the City of Buckeye and the legal counsel recruitment efforts.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Approved by the BVFD Governing Board February 27, 2024.