

Crown King Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday March 25, 2024, 12:00 PM
Crown King Fire Station #1
7235 E. Main Street, Crown King, AZ

1 Call to order

Chairman Drye called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M

2 Roll call of members

Present were Chairman Drye, Member Norman, and Member Beck attending remotely.

3 Consent Agenda

- a. *Regular Session Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2024*
- b. *Approve monthly reconciliations*
- c. *Approve monthly budget*

Chairman Drye commented that financials look good and then **motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Member Norman seconded. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All members voted Aye. Motion carried.**

4 Reports and Correspondence: (The governing body may not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on this matter unless the specific matter is properly identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of the Chief's report will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.)

a) Fire Chief's report

1. Current and expected Fuels Reduction & Equipment Grants

UTV looking good, to be painted next week, we are able to get accredited to teach paramedic class and our first class should be done in September.

Grant season is open and we will apply for a new truck again.

Tried to on-board some volunteers and Capt. Rocha was in Crown King recently doing training with them.

2. Call/Run reports

Only six calls last month. One resulted in being helicoptered off the mountain.

3. Station upgrades

No information.

b) Fire Board Chairman's Report

1. County Grant

Moving forward on the outstanding \$100,000 Cutting Grant. Reimbursed approximately \$4,000 from a POWIC grant from two years ago.

2. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) ambulance

Covered in Chief's report.

5 Report from Crown King Auxiliary:

No Auxiliary members present. Chairman Drye mentions that the Auxiliary runs the upcoming auction and they will need volunteers.

6 Call to the Public: (Public comments are limited to two minutes each. The Fire Board can only respond to items on the agenda)

Member of the public (Karen) thinks it is important that the community should be provided a statement on where the money is being spent, what expenses are, what we have.

Chairman Drye reminds all that these expenses are the (Crown King) auxiliary. The auxiliary is its own entity, a 501C on their own.

Another member of the public about the bond.

7 ***New pickup truck:***

Discussion was held regarding a truck mainly to haul personnel, the type of truck needed, options on obtaining for the best price; through GSA or possibly through the mine (Bagdad).

Chairman Drye motioned for Chief Smith to look into purchasing a new truck not to exceed \$65,000, tax, emergency lights, radio additional. Seconded by Member Beck. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All members voted Aye. Motion carried.

8 ***Intergovernmental Agreement with Mayer Fire District:***

Chairman Drye has met with county and local officials into moving into phase II of our agreement. (Williamson Valley's agreement is up the end of April, Crown Kings agreement is up in December.)

The agreement has worked out well for Crown King. Chief Smith has done a great job. We are in the black for the first time that the Chairman can remember.

The original premise (of Agreement) was to form a large district and have one board to oversee the entire district. We are getting close to making that happen. We will continue discussions and move forward.

Chairman Drye makes a motion to move forward with the Intergovernmental Agreement Consolidation with Mayer Fire District. Seconded by Member Norman. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All members voted Aye. Motion carried

9 ***District Strategic Planning and Budgeting items:***

a. Moving Station #1 to United States Forest Service (USFS) Work Center

The MOU has been signed. Signed by Albuquerque and has come back. It's now in the hands of USDA /HUD.

PNF (Prescott National Forest) is doing the environmental study then sending that to HUD for approval.

Once we get the engineering to PNF, PNF will issue us a special use permit and we can start breaking ground.

We already sent Albuquerque an agreement where we had a long-term lease. Albuquerque sent it back and said they want it done this way; do the MOU, then the permit for use, then the long-term lease. We have had an MOU in place for years regarding the crew quarters. **No action taken.**

10 ***Out of District Properties:***

Chairman Drye informs that there was also discussion at the meeting (meeting mentioned in item 8), Chief Smith was there as well, that if we make one large district (i.e., consolidation) we could combine our out of district properties, and Cleator's, to meet Mayer's. **No action taken.**

11 ***Fuel Depot:***

Chairman Drye informed; the tanks have been removed from old depot and the truck is supposed to be cut up and hauled away. A lowboy truck will be needed to haul it. **No action taken.**

12 ***Fire Marshal inspections:***

Chief Smith updates the Board that our Fire Marshal did training in Crown King on entering inspection criteria, information into record management system. They are compiling a list of places to visit. We use the same fire code the county has adopted – 2018 International Fire Code. Inspections will be basic; making sure exits are not blocked, power strips not overloaded, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers. This is not intended to shut down anyone. It is intended for basic safety & basic safety items to be able mitigate in the event of an emergency. **No action taken.**

13 ***State surplus truck:***

Nothing new to report. No one has claimed truck. **No action taken.**

14 ***Prescott National Forest crew house:***

- a. Shed***
- b. Wi-Fi cameras***
- c. Repairs***

Chief Smith informs that it is in our lease agreement that we keep up the crew house and put some money into upkeep each year. Bathtub cracked and to be replaced with a shower, flooring will be replaced, possibly new paint after summer. Roof is good. Has new appliances which the auxiliary helped fund.

Shed has been ordered which was previously approved. **No action taken.**

15 Volunteer list:

Volunteers met this past weekend. **No action taken.**

16 Future meeting dates & agenda items:

To be determined.

Chief Smith takes a moment to inform the public; on district boundaries - working towards a goal of the boarder of the Mayer Fire District touching the boarder of Crown King District with the idea to bring more money into the Crown King side and reduce the tax burden in Crown King. Regarding the Bond – any new properties brought into the district would not pay any bond tax on previous bonds.

Consolidation – full-time firefighters would be included in Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, there would be a five person board and anyone in Crown King could run for a position (not sure how many seats would be Crown Kings at this point in time.) Property tax rates would lower to Mayer’s rate.

17 Adjournment:

Chairman Drye makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Beck. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1302.

Chairman Drye

Date