

**HOUSTON MESA FIRE DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Regular Session Minutes
January 18, 2024**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.at the Fire District headquarters, 8139 W. Mescalero Road, Payson, Arizona.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Randy Norman, Clerk Susan Starr, Treasurer Jim Ahrberg, Member Jon Otte (via phone). Also in attendance: Chief David Staub, Fireman Kevin McCully, Water Wheel FD members Mark Essary, Chris Lecher, Steve Stevens.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session of December 21, 2023: motion made by Clerk Starr, seconded by Chairman Norman, to accept the minutes. **Ayes: 4, Nays: 0.** Motion passed.

5. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

a. **Chief's Report**—from December..

b. **Treasurer's Reports:** Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Cash Transaction, Reconciliations.

November and December reports presented. Member Ahrberg made motion, Clerk Starr seconded, to accept the reports..**Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstention: 1.** Motion passed.

c. **Current Events:** none

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Discussion and possible action:** Water Wheel FD is interested in purchasing our water tender, representatives will be in attendance to discuss this proposal. **Tabled, awaiting more info.**

b. **Discussion and possible action:** Discuss possible grant to purchase equipment. **Will go forward with writing a grant for a Type 3 engine.**

c. **Discussion and possible action:** Hiring Gloria Taylor as our bookkeeper. Clerk Starr made motion, Treasurer Ahrberg seconded, to hire Gloria Taylor as bookkeeper at \$150 per quarter. **Ayes: 4, Nays 0.** Motion passed.

d. **Discussion and possible action:** Having Smart Systems come out at least once, possibly on a regular basis, to make sure our system is working and backing up properly. **Tabled.**

e. **Discussion and possible action:** Approving Deb Stevens to be a board member. Clerk Starr made motion, Member Otte seconded. **Ayes: 4, Nays: 0.** Motion passed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.