

**Whispering Pines Fire District  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 18, 2010**

A public meeting of the Whispering Pines Fire District was convened on August 18, 2010 at the Whispering Pines Fire Station 71, 10603 Houston Mesa Road, Whispering Pines.

- I. Call to Order: Harry Jones called the meeting to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: - Don King led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call: present were – Don King, Harry Jones, Fred Washburn, and Penny Hull.
- IV. Vote to accept minutes of the regular meeting held July 28, 2010 – Don moved to accept the June 16, 2010 minutes. Fred seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports and Correspondence

A. Treasurer's Report – Harry presented the report in Glenda's absence:

Operating Account.....	\$ 66,115.20
Bonita Creek Building Fund.....	3,034.24
Geronimo Building Fund.....	9,628.20
Rim Trail Building Fund.....	32,652.69
Capital Funds-Unspec. Reserves	79,092.47
Petty Cash.....	<u>100.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 190,622.80

Don made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Second by Fred. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Chairman's Report – Harry commented that Tom Belkovich had resigned as Chief of the Beaver Valley Fire Department and Mike Williamson has been retained as the new Chief.

C. Chief's Report – See Attachment A.

VI. Discussion and Items for Possible Action: The following items were discussed, considered and decided at the meeting:

**A. Status of Rim Trail and Bonita Creek land acquisition and the Rural Development Grant/Loan** – Chief Sattlemaier reported no change to report on Rim Trail. He stated that he had received an emphatic NO from the heirs to the property in Bonita Creek. This item will continue on the next agenda.

**B. Filling the Vacancy on the Board of Directors** – Harry noted that Glenda Schroeder was present and had Diane Dickerson read a letter of appreciation, and presented her with a gift of a flower arrangement to show the Board's appreciation for her years of service on the Board. –

**i. Review any letters of interest from qualified electors and have those parties and the public and staff address any desired comments or questions to the Board** – Harry stated he had only received one letter prior to the deadline, which was from Joseph Brown, but that a letter of interest was received from Robert Johnson of Bonita Creek after the deadline. He thanked Mr. Johnson for his willingness to participate, but indicate that the Board would only be able to consider the one in hand. Joseph Brown's letter was read, and he was asked to address the Board, which he did. Harry then asked for questions or comments from the Board, and there were none. Harry asked for questions from the public and staff. Numerous statements of recommendation came from members of the public and Mark Essary of the Department.

**ii. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Letters of Interest** – Request for a motion by Harry failed due to lack of a motion.



**iii. Take possible action to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors** – Penny made a motion to appoint Joseph Brown to the Board of Directors to serve the remainder of Glenda Schroeder's term which expires in December, 2012. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Approval of the expenditure of funds to purchase a wildland firefighting skid for**

**Squad 791** – Chief Sattlemaier stated the cost of the skid would be \$12,000.00, half of which would be covered by a 50/50 grant which has been previously granted. The District would initially pay the entire \$12,000.00, then the grantor would reimburse the \$6,000.00 portion. Chief Sattlemaier provided the Board with specifications and information about the purpose and capabilities of the unit. Harry asked if the Chief had any other bids for a comparable unit. He state he did not. Fred made a motion to continue this item to the next regular meeting to allow time to possibly acquire additional bids before taking action. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- VII. Call to Public – Don asked if the District had any authority, either through the Board or as a Fire Department, to enforce clean-up of properties that have become a fire hazard due to overgrowth or combustible trash build-up. Chief Sattlemaier stated he would check to see if the statutes had changed concerning enforcement, but that to the best of his knowledge we could only make the hazard known to the owner. It would be the owner's responsibility to take action, and Gila County would be responsible for enforcement.
- VIII. Call for Future Agenda Items – Items VI. A and C will be carried to the next meetings agenda.
- IX. Call for Adjournment – Don moved to adjourn. Fred seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 10.

Whispering Pines Fire District

By Penny Hull, Clerk

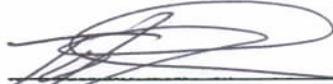
When recorded deliver to:  
Gila County Board of Supervisors  
Attention: Linda Eastlick, Elections Director

# WHISPERING PINES FIRE DISTRICT



## OATH OF OFFICE

I, Joseph Lee Brown, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Board Member of the Whispering Pines Fire District according to the best of my ability, so help me God (or so I affirm).

  
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Signature

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2010

  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 5-11-2013

