



Ken Baker, Chief of Department

Dedication to service and community!

North Bench Volunteer Fire District

NBVFD Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes 1-27-2025

Call to order at 6:30 PM by President Jim Hill. Also in attendance were Vice President Casey West, Treasurer Edna Runyan, Directors Aaron Rutherford and Don Blockhan, and Chief Ken Baker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hill

The invocation was led by Director Blockhan.

There was no public comment.

Previous minutes from 1/13/25 were approved unanimously.

Director Greg Mead arrived at 6:35.

Chief Baker reported the Paradise Valley engine status was still undecided by their Board, and significantly more had been invested to correct the transmission issue than had been anticipated. Chief Baker will keep the Board informed of progress in obtaining the engine which has been delayed even further due to PV staff assigned to Southern California wildfires. He is also looking into other alternatives including one in Colorado that may be available with 10 SCBA's for approximately \$30,000 and may have other equipment available as well. Vice President West moved and Director Blockhan seconded authorizing an additional \$10,000 (from 30,000 to 40,000) to acquire an engine, which could be either from Paradise Valley or Colorado, whichever is most beneficial to the District. The authorization passed unanimously.

The Chief and Rick are working to get data loaded in the computer to support the upcoming ISO rating review; Gus Jackson has also helped with uploading dispatch and training records and equipment certifications.

Treasurer Runyan discussed the status of end of year account reconciliation given the several errors observed; Heidi Stockton will take Youngwirth's data and make journal entries to correct as needed. Vice President West moved and Director Blockhan seconded to NOT approve the end of year financial reports from Youngwirth; this was passed unanimously.

An XL sort will be made to help identify commercial accounts to assure they are approached regarding membership.

Goals provided by the firefighters should be enhanced with additional issues from the Board and presented at the annual meeting.



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Director Rutherford provided an update on the annual membership mailing; there are approximately 2258 residences and 432 businesses that are potential members. Director Rutherford moved and Vice President West seconded to approve the draft annual membership letter as finished by Director Blockhan and to proceed with printing at On Point; approved unanimously.

On preparation for the annual meeting, it was reported that Ginny and Mark Carpenter are willing to provide microphones and sound system. This is much appreciated by the Board. On Point printing can also print copies of the bylaws if needed; it may be best to only print these if a member requests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM