



MINUTES OF THE BUCKSKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT FIRE BOARD  
10/19/21-Open Special Meeting: Minutes to be approved at open public meeting on Tuesday, 11/9/2021. A Public meeting of the Buckskin Fire Board convened on October 19, 2021, that started at 6:00 pm in the classroom of the Buckskin Fire District, located at: 8500 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344. The following matters were discussed at the Open Meeting

### **Agenda Open Meeting**

1. Call to Order: 6:02 pm.
2. Roll Call.  
Members Present: *Chairman Jeff Daniel, John Mihelich, Wayne Posey, Jeff McCormack & Don Rountree.*  
Staff Present: *Chief Maloney, Barbara Cole, Capt, Weatherford, Capt Chambers, Lt. Fernandes, FF Foster, FF Anderson*  
Public Present: *Chief Pat Dennen, Attorney Bill Whittington was on standby for phone call if needed for Executive Session if requested.*
3. Possible Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03. A.3:  
Regarding personnel matters; Legal advice regarding an Interim Fire Chief's contract and for any advice for current Chief Maloney notice of separation.  
*Chief Maloney and possible Interim Chief Dennen expressed no need for Executive Session, as anything discussed could be open to the public for transparency.*
4. (Discussion and Possible Action): Discussion and Possible Action for separation dates and pay-outs of accrued benefits for current Chief Maloney. *Board members were given a spreadsheet of Chief Maloney's current unused vacation and sick balances. Chief Maloney stated that his last day of the resignation was January 8<sup>th</sup>, but he would like to leave at an earlier time and just use his sick and vacation hours, if the Board was ok with that, but that he would do what they requested. He had already, before the resignation, had put in for benefit time off the week of Thanksgiving and 1 week before and 1 week after Christmas. He stated that he would like his last day to be November 19<sup>th</sup> and use his balance of sick and vacation hours for the difference to January 8<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Daniel asked each Board member what their preference was if they have any, unanimously they all stated that they had no preference. A motion was made by Wayne Posey to allow the Chief to have his last working day be November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and to be able to use his accrued vacation and sick time as a normal paycheck until his resignation date of 1/8/2022 at the current \$102k salary, which would include full benefits up to that date to include PSPRS, medical, etc., along with a second from John Mihelich.*



*There were no comments or questions prior to voting.*

*Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, McCormack & Mihelich.*

*Nays:*

*Absent:*

*Abstain:*

*Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #4*

5. (Discussion and Possible Action): Discussion and Possible Action for negotiations to hire an Interim Fire Chief.

*Chief Pat Dennen gave the Fire Board a proposal based on being the interim Fire Chief for Buckskin Fire, until a full-time Fire Chief can be hired to replace out-going Fire Chief Maloney who is leaving for personal reasons. Chief Dennen stated the requirements that he would need, including a salary of \$102k per year, but would not be working for Buckskin for an entire year, just until they found a full-time replacement, he would need a vehicle, his hours of work, and that he would not need any benefits as he receives them elsewhere. He stated that this would include working with the Parker IGA as the interim Chief for them as well, just like Chief Maloney had been doing. He proposed that he could start as early as the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Board members asked questions, and discussions regarding Chief Dennen's experience and how long he could stay, he said he would like no longer than 6 months, or when they hired someone new. Don Rountree made a motion to hire Pat Dennen as the Interim Fire Chief, at-will, as a non-benefited temporary employee and to start as early as November 8<sup>th</sup> but no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> at Chief Dennen's request for compensation based on 102K per year and pay only the mandatory employer taxes of social security and Medicare, with no other monetary benefits with work hours Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to at least 2pm, along with a second from Jeff Daniel.*

*There were no comments or questions prior to voting.*

*Ayes: Daniel, Rountree, Posey, McCormack & Mihelich*

*Nays:*

*Absent:*

*Abstain:*

*Chairman Daniel: Motion passed by a unanimous vote on agenda item #5.*

6. **Call to the Public.** Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. *Those wishing to address the Buckskin Fire District Board need not request permission in advance Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(G), the Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take any action on items raised in the call to the public that is not specifically identified on the Agenda. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review*



*Call to the Public that is not on the current Agenda; due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.*

*No public comments.*

**7. Schedule next Regular Session or Workshop.**

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021.*

**8. Adjourn of Regular Board Meeting: 6:35 pm.**

Jeff Daniel  
Jeff Daniel, Chairman

11/9/21  
Date

Barbara Cole  
Office Administrator

10/28/2021  
Date

Minutes approved by: [Signature]

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PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY MAY REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION BY CONTACTING, TROY MALONEY, FIRE CHIEF OF BUCKSKIN FIRE DISTRICT (928) 667-3321 AT LEAST **48 HOURS** PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING. FACILITIES ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.