

WOODS FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting May 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

FBC Williams – Community Room 629 W. Grant Ave, Williams AZ

Regular Board Meeting

1. Call to Order 9:08 am
2. Roll Call of Board Members / Affirmation of Quorum
Present: Chairman Warnock, Member Johnson, Member Osendorf
Absent: None
Administration: Administrative Assistant Tammy Schieffer
Public: Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Chief John Moede, Sherwood Forest Estates Board Chair Walter Krushinsky
3. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of Reconciliations and Financial Reports March and April 2021
 - b. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2021

After correcting the date of the Minutes from March 18, 2021, Member Johnson motioned to approve the Reconciliations and Financial Reports from March and April 2021, and the Minutes from March 18, 2021

Vote conducted: **Motion Approved**
Ayes: Warnock, Johnson, Osendorf
Nays: None
Absent:

4. Current Events:
5. Administrative Updates There were no administrative updates to report, nor any other items to discuss in Current Events **New Business / Action Items**
 - a. Review, discuss, and possible action on Dogtown Water Pipeline project/hydrants
 - 1) Board Chair Warnock stated that there is no current possibility that the Woods subdivision might receive potable water from the City of Williams due to a settlement between SRP (Salt River Project) and the City. This settlement prohibits new City water customers outside of the city limits
 - 2) Warnock said she had spoken with Mike Janes of Woodson Engineering. Janes said that the Woods Fire District, should it be able to construct a fire suppression system that utilizes non-potable water from Dogtown Lake, which the City does own water rights to. The Woods subdivision would need to get a letter of intent from the City of Williams. This letter of intent would serve as an agreement that the Woods Fire District would deed the fire suppression system over to the City when completed and that the City would accept responsibility for its repair and maintenance.

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Chief Moede suggested to Chairman Warnock that her best contact would be Tim Pettit at the City of Williams and that he understands the Woods subdivision is getting 2 hydrants, possibly 3.

- 3) Member Johnson presented his common sense alternative fire suppression system (diagram attached), which places a hydrant within 1000 feet of all Woods subdivision properties. To get an estimate of this fire suppression system's cost, Warnock asked what a gate valve is and was informed that it is a valve to turn the water off to one hydrant, while still allowing water to flow to the other hydrants.

Using Woodson's pricing scheme, with the inclusion of three gate valves, the fire suppression system currently under consideration would cost somewhere around \$27,000. Final placement of the hydrants the City is installing will, of course, vary the trenching work required to tie in to the proposed Woods system, so it is understood by all present that this is a very rough cost estimate, and that it is probably low.

- 4) There is need of a final diagram of the City's water pipeline is to be placed. There have been multiple options in play which makes it difficult for the Woods subdivision to plan its fire suppression system. Member Johnson noted that there is a new subdivision going in adjacent to the west of the Woods subdivision at the Bill Rice ranch that may account for the change in routing of the City's pipeline.
- 5) Board Chair Warnock will ask Tim Pettit if building a fire suppression system in the neighborhood utilizing non-potable city water obligates the Woods Fire District to purchase its fire protection from the City of Williams in perpetuity
- 6) Board member Johnson asked why the Woods Fire District is considering consolidation with SFEFD again. Board Chair Warnock noted that the challenges to the survival of the Woods Fire District as a discreet entity remain the same, stating that she feels the district still lacks the critical mass it needs to function in the best interests of the neighborhood. Chief Moede suggested checking into Annexation with the City of Williams, while Chief Gaillard (not present) has suggested reconsidering consolidation with Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District

- b. Review discuss possible consolidation with Sherwood Forest Estates Fire Chief John Moede

Board Chair noted that if we consolidated with Sherwood Forest Estates, we would gain instant access to the infrastructure required of a fire district to operate: emergency vehicles and firefighters.

Chief Moede said that having a hydrant would be an extremely positive asset for the Woods Fire District to have, and asked what the Woods Fire District would expect from Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District in a consolidation scenario.

Board Chair noted that apparently the challenge in the past with City of Williams seemed to be with dispatch, and said that if a call for emergency response has been placed, The Woods Fire Districts expects an emergency response whether we contract our fire protection from the City of Williams or Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District.

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c. Review and discuss possible action on adopting the FY 2021/2022 Budget for 20 Day posting

- 1) Board members reviewed the proposed budget projection presented by Administrator Schieffer. Finding adequate funding for the district to operate, with enough left over to continue saving for the water suppression system, Chairman Warnock moved to approve the budget as presented by Administrator Schieffer.

Vote conducted: **Motion Approved**

Ayes: Warnock, Johnson, Osendorf

Nays: None

Absent

6. **Fire Board Comments-** Board Member comments are meant to inform and clarify. No actions will be taken. Only Board Members can speak.

7. **ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Board Chair Warnock motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. Board Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote Conducted. MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:31

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Schieffer, Administrative Assistant

The next Public Hearing Budget 21/22, and Regular Board Meeting will be June 10, 2021.