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Minutes A.R.S. §38-403.01

The Fire Board of the Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire District Governing Board held a meeting, open to the public on March 18, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire District, Fire Station No 3 located at 489 E. Elbow Canyon Rd. Scenic, Arizona for discussion of Public Business.

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1. **Call to order:** By Board Chairman Dan Reber at 4:05 P. M. on March 18, 2014

2. **Roll call of Board Members:**

Board Chairman: Dan Reber Present
Board Member: Doug Adriance Absent
Board Member: Gene Maughan Present
Administrative Assistant: George Burnett Present

Also present were Battalion Chief Ojeda, Theron Jensen, and Tom Cleminson from the Ham Radio Operators

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Not Recited

4. **Call to the Public for comment and non-agenda items:** No Comments

5. **Item to be discussed:**

The meeting was very informal and was a discussion on a possible location of a repeater and antenna for the Ham Radio Operators.

Theron Jensen said that the repeater would be a VHS Receiver and would have to be located inside the station. He also mentioned that he heard that the Fire District is also looking at putting in a repeater. If that is so they could put in a cabinet that would hold both repeaters.

Chief Ojeda mentioned that may be in the future. The group toured the apparatus room and after that they decided on a good location for the repeater. Chief Ojeda then took the group outside to look for locations suitable for the antenna. After discussion the best location was decided on the North side of the station. Chief Ojeda made mention that the cabinet may need to be off the ground since the floor is frequently washed down.

Board Chairman then mentioned why can't a shelf be put in that would hold a cabinet and also house both repeaters. It may be more feasible than having it on the ground.

The antenna would be a 50 foot metal light pole with it anchored to a cement base.

Mr. Jensen said that the only problem we may have is that they would need access to the building per the FCC Regulations in case of any problems. The repeater also would have a battery backup system in case of a power failure.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of having a cutoff switch on the outside. The Ham Radio Operators could call dispatch to have a firefighter to respond to the station to the cutoff switch, and allow a technician inside for repairs if needed.

Board Member Maughan inquired about the costs involved for the Fire District. There would be no costs to the Fire District except for the power. The Ham Radio Operators would be paying for the install, needed permits and maintenance of the equipment.

The question remains on what permits would be needed and if their frequency would interfere with ours if we put in a repeater. The answer is no. The Fire District's frequency is in the 155 MHZ while theirs is in the 144-148 MHZ and the spread is far enough apart it would not interfere. The Fire Districts repeater is a 100 watt repeater while theirs is between 25 – 60 watts.

There was also a concern if it would interfere with possible air traffic. It still isn't known if it would considering the location of the antenna next to the building.

Mr. Jensen mentioned that there should be no restrictions unless it's within 50 feet of the air space.

Board Chairman Reber gave me a number to call to find out what permits are needed.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M. on March 18, 2014

Reviewed and approved by:



Dan Reber
Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire District
Governing Board Chairman



Date