

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Ms. Watson 5:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Ms. Watson, Ms. Summitt, Mr. Ward are present. Mr. Evans is present via phone. Ms. Dailey is absent. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve the November 19th, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Ms. Summitt made motion to approve the November 2025 Bills and Financials. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

- A. Ratify (3) Truck Purchases: Chief Martin discussed the recent urgent acquisition of three administrative pickup trucks (Ford F250 4x4s, 6.7L diesel engines) after existing vehicles failed beyond repair. (Engine failure, vehicle accident) \$160k had been budgeted in capital for the vehicles. Ms. Summitt made a motion approving the purchase of the Ford F250s. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Finance Admin Larson:** The department is midway though its annual community supported Christmas for Kids Program targeting approximately 130 kids. The activities include wrapping and distributing gifts to qualified applicants. The final numbers will be provided in the January Fireboard meeting. The Fire Department received extensive community involvement from Willow Valley Clubhouse, Local motorcycle rallies, Women’s Huukan Golf Club, Walter the Burro from Oatman, 928 riders’ poker run, local citizens, and the firefighters Union. The program included older siblings up to the age of 16. Special items donated included over 40 bikes, hoverboards, skateboards, roller skates and record players for the older children. The program also worked closely with Shop with a First Responder Program to ensure we did not miss any families. Ms. Summitt reported that 83 kids signed up for Shop with a First Responder with an additional 19 from Needles. 50 First Responders participated.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Martin explained that the Christmas for Kids room will be set up until Christmas just in case we end up with any last-minute families that need toys. He acknowledged the hard work Administration has put into making the Christmas for Kids Program a success. He noted and thanked all the volunteers that came in to help wrap the gifts and thanked the Crews for ensuring that the bicycles and Sports balls were ready and safe to go. (air in tires, brakes checked, seats tightened)

The Tribe has a Christmas Carnival planned this weekend (12/20 and 12/21) requiring coverage. We are currently still awaiting a finalized Tribal budget. Currently, we are still receiving payment, but not with the increased amount budgeted for FY 25.26. The tribe has broken ground on the new Spirit Mountain Casino behind Thalypo fuel station.

The water tender is expected to be complete and final inspection the first week of January 2026. The department cost for the water tender is \$200k. The remainder of the cost will be covered by FEMA for the grant approved 2 years ago.

Engine 811 returned to service after 3 months out for pollution control repairs.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 5:21 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.