

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021
Meeting Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON.

- 1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- 3) **Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

Chairman Castaneda, Jr	Chief Delfs
Vice-Chairman Bauer	Assistant Chief Klein
Clerk Neilson	Lorrie Palmquist (present by phone)
Director Armendarez	Counsel Wencker (present by phone)
Director Haffner	

Chairman Castaneda called for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Bill Scott.

- 4) **Recognition of Personnel**

Recognition Pins: Captain Filiberto Felix, 10 Yr
Captain Felix has served the District for 10 years, as a Captain for 4 of those years.

Unit Citation Award:

The following firefighters successfully and safely completed a swift water rescue of 8 individuals on July 25, 2021. These firefighters entered rising water and rescued the driver and seven additional occupants who had fled the vehicle.

Patrick Calhoun, Captain	Tyler Overstreet, Firefighter
Chris George, Captain	Seth Merz, Paramedic
Mike Ryder, Firefighter	Richard Roscoe, Paramedic
Orlando Tolano, Firefighter	

Eight victims were submersed in water, stranded on a small mound of earth. The crew had to use the help of a helicopter with a thermal imaging camera to identify the position of the victims, then waded out in complete darkness following only the voice commands from the helicopter overhead. Once the victims were rescued, they had to be carried back through the rushing water to safety. This crew is being recognized for their stellar efforts. The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the District.

- 5) **Call To The Public** NONE
- 6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**
 - AFDA Winter Conference 2022 January 20-21, 2022 Casino del Sol, Tucson
 - Memorial Service for Mr. Bill Scott, who was a valuable member of the Avra Valley family Service was held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 in Phoenix
- 7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the following items for consent:**
 - **Minutes from the regular meeting held July 22, 2021**
Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Armendarez seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

8) **Chief's Report**

The Fire Chief may update the Board on items of interest relating to but not limited to the following: Response times, vehicles, facilities, labor relations, personnel, finance, grants, communications and/or training. Alternatively, the Fire Chief may provide written comments in the Board Member's packets or by email. The Board Members may ask clarifying questions and they may direct the Chief to place items on future agendas for further discussion or action.

The Chief highlighted the following items from his report:

- Per the Three Points IGA we have the opportunity to share personnel as needed. Therefore, we will institute a Reserve Program so that Avra employees can work as a Reserve at Three Points, and vice versa.
- Lorrie has been working on uploading documents so that the annual audit can be done remotely.
- Chief Klein is working on grant applications.
- The well at ST 193 is taken care of.
- The well at ST 191 is being relocated on the property, at no expense to the District.

9) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to modify and/or approve the July 2021 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review.**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the July 2021 financial reports and authorized the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*.


10) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to amend the Fire Chief's compensation package from what was adopted at the June 24, 2021 meeting, due to updated information which was received from the Arizona State Retirement System.**

Chief Delfs addressed the Board explaining that as of now we will not have to make any alternate contributions, but we are still waiting on a final interpretation from the ASRS. Director Armendarez motioned that if ASRS and PSPRS do not allow the District to make up the "previously not withheld" amounts for Chief Delfs, that we increase the amount which the District contributes to his 401A by that same amount. Director Haffner seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

- 11) **Reports of Board Members and Staff** NONE
- 12) **Future Agenda Items** NONE
- 13) **Date of Next Board Meeting** September 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM

14) **Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.* Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.
Recording Off.



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Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Thomas Armendarez James Haffner

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