

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON

1) **Call to Order** Vice-Chairman Armendarez called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

3) **Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

Vice-Chairman Armendarez	Assistant Chief Klein
Clerk Bren	Lorrie Palmquist
Director Goss	Chris Wencker, present by phone
Chairman Castaneda, absent/excused	
Chief Delfs, absent/excused	
Director Neilson, absent/excused	

4) **Badge Pinnings** NONE

5) **Call To The Public** NONE

6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**

- AFDA Conference July 11-13, 2023 Renaissance Phoenix-Glendale

7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action** regarding the adoption of the *Minutes* of the regular meeting held on May 25, 2023.

Clerk Bren motioned to approve the *Minutes* of the regular meeting held on May 25, 2023.
Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

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.

- There were no questions, comments or discussion regarding the Chief's Report.

9) **Review, Discussion and possible Action** to approve the May 2023 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*.

Director Goss motioned to approve the May 2023 financial reports and authorize the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Clerk Bren seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

10) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to** accept the auditor's engagement letter related to an A-133 Audit for FY23 as a result of additional uniform guidance pertaining to Federal grants.

Director Goss motioned to accept the auditor's engagement letter for FY23. Clerk Bren seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

11) Review, Discussion and possible Action to accept or deny the settlement offer from Pinal County in the amount of \$7,192.50 for damages to the flooring at Station 194 during the November 2022 elections and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Settlement and the Release of Claims documents.

Clerk Bren motioned to accept the settlement offer from Pinal County in the amount of \$7,192.50 for damages to the flooring at Station 194 and to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the *Settlement and Release of Claims* document. Director Goss seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 3:0**

12) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY24 BUDGET

Pursuant to A.R.S. 48-805 and 48-807, The Avra Valley Fire District through its Board of Directors, has prepared an annual budget that contains detailed estimated expenditures for the fiscal year and clearly shows salaries payable to employees of the District, including the Fire Chief. In accordance with State statute, the *FY24 Proposed Budget* was posted in four public places and on the District's website for twenty days prior to holding this Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting said budget. Copies of the budget have also been made available to members of the public upon written request to the District. Following the Public Hearing, the District Board may adopt the budget, whereafter a complete copy of the *Adopted FY24 Budget* shall be posted in a prominent location on the District's official website within seven business days and shall be retained on the website for at least sixty months.

Director Goss motioned to open the Public Hearing. Clerk Bren seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. The regular Board meeting adjourned into a Public Hearing.

12.1) Public Comment on the FY24 Budget pursuant to ARS 48-807. NONE

12.2) Adjourment of Public Hearing

There were no members of the public present. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion or comment. Hearing none, Director Goss motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing. Clerk Bren seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. The Public Hearing adjourned and the regular meeting resumed.

13) Review, Discussion and possible Adoption of the FY24 Budget including the adoption of the secondary property tax levy of \$3.50 and the bond repayment levy of \$.58 or other levy amounts as determined by the Board of Directors.

Clerk Bren motioned to adopt the FY24 Budget including the secondary property tax levy of \$3.50 and the bond levy of \$.58, as well as to authorize the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to sign the *Budget Certificate of Review*. Director Goss seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 3:0**

14) Reports of Board Members and Staff NONE

15) Future Agenda Items badge pinnings

16) Date of Next Board Meeting July 27, 2023

17) Adjourment

Clerk Bren motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Goss seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Recording Off.



SIGNED



DATE

Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Thomas Armendarez Cody Bren Eric Neilson Michelle Stark-Goss

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