## **MINUTES**



# AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date:

Thursday, May 25, 2023

**Meeting Time:** 

5:00 PM

Location:

21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

#### RECORDING ON.

1) Call To Order

Chairman Castenada called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

3) Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

Chairman Castaneda

Vice-Chairman Armendarez

Clerk Bren

Director Neilson

Director Goss, absent/excused

Chief Delfs

Assistant Chief Klein

Lorrie Palmquist

Chris Wencker present by phone

55 guests/family members

### 4) Recognition of Personnel

Chief Delfs welcomed the guests and expressed congratulations to all those being promoted this evening. He proudly announced that the District is promoting leaders to positions of real authority and encouraged the promotees to respect others, seek the trust of others, and remember to share credit where credit is due. He opined that appearance, attitude and composure are excellent qualities of a leader, and cautioned the promotes to be firm, fair and friendly. The Chief expressed congratulations to all. Chairman Castenada also expressed congratulations and offered thanks to all the families for their steadfast support and sacrifice.

<b>Battalion Chiefs</b>	<u>Captains</u>	10-Year
Patrick Calhoun	Paramedic Randal Johnson	Lorrie Palmquist
Michael Tharp	Paramedic Kaitlyn Klein	
Lyle Kennedy	Paramedic Richard Roscoe	
	Firefighter Ricky Gillmore	

- 5) Call To The Public
- NONE
- 6) Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence
  - AFDA Summer Conference July 9 July 13, 2023 Renaissance Phoenix-Glendale
- 7) <u>Review, Discussion and possible Action</u> to approve the *Minutes* from the regular meeting held April 27, 2023.

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting held April 27, 2023. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, 4:0.

#### 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's report was included in the packets. There were no questions from the Board members. Chairman Castenada congratulated the Chief on recently assuming the role of Chairman of the Pima County Fire Chiefs Association.

9) <u>Review, Discussion and possible Action</u> to adopt Resolution 2023-01 Approving and Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northwest Fire District for dispatch services.

Chief Delfs briefly explained that the City of Tucson allocates costs equally to the group of districts dispatched by the City. The allocation is based upon call volume. Clerk Bren motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-1 approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northwest Fire District for dispatch services. Vice-Chairman Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, 4:0

- Review, Discussion and possible Action to modify and/or approve the April 2023 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review Clerk Bren motioned to approve the April 2023 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Director Neilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.
- Although a copy was contained in the Board packets, a copy of the budget with notes was provided at the meeting. Chief Delfs briefly reviewed the written notes which accompanied the budget. There were no further questions. Clerk Bren motioned to adopt the *Preliminary FY24 Budget*. Vice-Chairman Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, 4:0.
- 12) Reports of Board Members and Staff

Chief Delfs will be absent for the June Board meeting. Director Neilson will be absent for both the June and July Board meetings. Directors Castenada, Armendarez and Neilson plan on attending the AFDA Conference in July.

13) Future Agenda Items

hold Public Hearing adopt FY24 Budget

14) Date of Next Board Meeting

June 22, 2023

15) Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.* Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Recording Off.

SIGNED

DATE

Luis Castaneda, Jr., Chairman Thomas Armendarez, Vice-Chairman Cody Bren, Clerk Eric Neilson, Member Michelle Stark-Goss, Member In accordance with the Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Avra Valley Fire District is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202)720-6382 (TDD).