

**MINUTES**  
**Avra Valley Fire District**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**Meeting of JUNE 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM**  
**ST 194 21021 E Homestead Dr, Red Rock, AZ**

*The order of the Agenda may be altered or changed by the Local Board. Members of the Local Pension Board may attend by telephone or conference call.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Battalion Chief Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Battalion Chief Lyle Kennedy	Cody Bren
Captain Tony Donaldson	Lorrie Palmquist
Chief Brian Delfs	Mike Ryder
Luis Castenada Jr., absent/excused	

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of *Minutes* from the meeting held May 15, 2023

B. New Hires beginning employment June 5, 2023:

The following individuals have all completed new hire physicals including the PSPRS required documentation with results from Evolve Tactical fitness noted below.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pre-Exiting Condition</u>
Kristin Feldman, FF/EMT	05-16-2023	Yes
William Lewis, FF/EMT	05-17-2023	Yes
Zachary Harper, FF/EMT	05-16-2023	No
Nathaniel Morales-Ruiz, FF/EMT	05-06-2023	Yes

C. Separation of service:

Firefighter Ralph Hiraes  
Firefighter Jacob Roberts  
Firefighter Dana Crowe  
Paramedic Tyler Overstreet

Captain Donaldson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Battalion Chief Kennedy seconded.

***Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.***

**5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** to consider the application for accidental disability for Firefighter Michael Ryder.

At the recent meeting of May 15, 2023, the Board accepted Firefighter Ryder's application for accidental disability and voted to send him to an independent medical examiner. Mr. Ryder scheduled an appointment with *Rescue Me Wellness*, where he was evaluated by Lisa Ritter on May 25, 2023. Ms. Ritter, PA-C, MMS, has provided an opinion letter stating the following:

1. There is no evidence of any pre-existing medical conditions.
2. The conditions which Firefighter Ryder is suffering with are the direct result of performance of his duties with the Avra Valley Fire District.
3. Mr. Ryder has a physical condition which totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his position classification as a firefighter, and precludes him from returning to work in the capacity of a firefighter.

Based on the opinion and letter dated June 1, 2023 from Rescue me Wellness, LLC and Lisa Ritter, PA-C, MMS, Battalion Chief Kennedy motioned that the Permanent Accidental Disability Retirement for Firefighter Michael Ryder be approved and effective upon his separation of employment with the Avra Valley Fire District.

Captain Donaldson seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.***

Battalion Chief Kennedy offered thanks to Mr. Ryder for his years of service, and added that he will be missed. Captain Donaldson commented that Mr. Ryder is the most genuinely solid firefighter he has had the pleasure to work with. Mr. Ryder responded that it has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of the Avra Valley Fire District family.

**6. APPROVE NEW RATES**

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
employEE – Tier 1	7.65	7.65
Tier 1B	8.59	7.65
Tier 2	11.59	7.65 - 10.65
Tier 3	12.56	12.56
employER - Tier 1	16.70	14.57
Tier 1B	16.70	14.57
Tier 2	19.70	17.57
Tier 3	15.46	13.33

Battalion Chief Kennedy motioned to approve the new PSPRS rates for FY24. Captain Donaldson seconded.  
*Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

**7. CURRENT INFORMATION**

Chief Delfs informed the Board of a new bill which is being considered by the Governor which will allow Tier 3 employees to make a new election if they change employers.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Captain Donaldson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Battalion Chief Kennedy seconded.  
*Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.* Meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.