

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021
Meeting Time: 4:00 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON.

- 1) **Call To Order** Vice-Chairman Bauer called the meeting to order at 4:05 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 (absent/excused)
Vice-Chairman Bauer
Clerk Neilson
Director Armendarez (present by phone)
Director Haffner (absent/excused)

Chief Delfs
Assistant Chief Klein
Lorrie Palmquist (present by phone)
Counsel Wencker (present by phone)

- 4) **Recognition of Personnel**

Oath of Office and Badge Pinnings:

Firefighter Dillon Lewis	Firefighter Joshua Rodriguez
Firefighter Matthew Olds	Firefighter Raiin Rodriguez

Many family members were in attendance.

Chief Delfs addressed the Board stating that it is a real privilege to recognize new firefighters. He administered the *Oaths of Office* commenting that this is something we take very seriously and encouraged the new firefighters to reflect on the *Oath* in exercising their duties. Chief Delfs then presented their badges. He commented that the journey to this point is a real accomplishment and expressed gratitude to all of those who supported the rigorous journey. He cautioned the new firefighters to maintain a sense of purpose while making a significant contribution to something bigger than themselves. The Chief offered congratulations and welcome to the fraternity of firefighters. Badges were pinned.

Unit Citation Awards:

Motor Vehicle Accident involving 2 serious patients and a difficult extrication July15, 2021

Captain Lyle Kennedy	Paramedic Randal Johnson
Captain Fil Felix	Paramedic Jadd Sarah
Firefighter Ricky Gillmore	Firefighter Gabriel Carrillo
Firefighter Ralph Hiraes	Firefighter Kye Kinney

Chief Delfs described this response to a head-on motor vehicle accident involving a large van and a pickup truck. Upon arrival at the scene, the vehicles looked like molten lava. Within 9 minutes, both patients were extricated using hydraulic tools and transported guaranteeing the best possible outcome. Chief Delfs offered sincere thanks for the outstanding service and job well done.

Swift Water Rescue of a patient involving rapid, flowing and rising water July 15, 2021

Captain Lyle Kennedy

Paramedic Jadd Sarah

Firefighter Ricky Gillmore

Firefighter Gabriel Carrillo

Firefighter Ralph Hiraes

Firefighter Hayden Seitz

Firefighter Geno Nash

Chief Delfs described the scene as a flooded wash with rapidly rising water where a pickup truck was trapped with water already up to driver's window. Through an intense and dangerous rescue, the firefighters were able to throw a rope to the person and successfully rescue the trapped individual. The Chief offered sincere thanks for an outstanding rescue.

- 5) **Call To The Public** **NONE**
- 6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**
- **Marana State of the Town Address and Luncheon, July 29, 2021 Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain**
- 7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the following items for consent:**
A consent agenda allows the Board to approve several items simultaneously without the need to file separate motions for each item. Items are usually believed to be non-controversial and do not require further explanation. Any Board Member may ask that an item be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.
- **Minutes from the Public Hearing, Regular Meeting and Executive Session held June 24, 2021**

Director Armendarez motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Clerk Neilson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

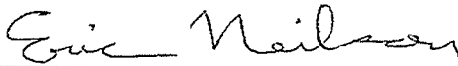
- 8) **Chief's Report**
The Fire Chief may update the Board on items of interest relating to but not limited to the following: Response times, vehicles, facilities, labor relations, personnel, finance, grants, communications and/or training. Alternatively, the Fire Chief may provide written comments 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.
- The Chief highlighted the following items from his report:
- The air conditioning unit at Station 194 has been scheduled for replacement as soon as next week
 - The management arrangement with Three Points Fire District is going well. There is a lot of work to do. During the first six weeks, we are putting together a planning matrix. Once it is complete, we will have solid starting points. Our firefighters responded in the Three Points area 112 times last year, so the staff is already quite familiar with each other.
 - We are pleased to have hired a part time mechanic who will be assisting Tom no more than 10 hours per week. Mr. Bailey retired from Northwest Fire District. He will operate the service truck between stations to help with preventative maintenance, and other duties as needed.
 - We had one firefighter who did not successfully complete probation, so we will be hiring another individual in the near future.

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

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the June 2021 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Clerk Neilson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

- 10) Reports of Board Members and Staff NONE
- 11) Future Agenda Items Discussion of meeting times possibly moving to 5 PM.
- 12) Date of Next Board Meeting August 26, 2021, time TBA
- 13) Adjournment

Clerk Neilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Bauer seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.
Recording Off.



SIGNED



DATE

Board Members

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

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