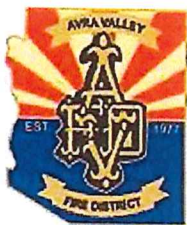


## MINUTES

### AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2022

**Meeting Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON

1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castenada called the meeting to order at 5:38 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, present by phone

Counsel Wencker (present by phone)

Director Haffner, absent/excused

4) **Recognition of Personnel** **BADGE PINNINGS**

Frank Renda, Paramedic

Daniel Ader, Firefighter

Stephen Borgens, Firefighter

Brian Gonzalez, Firefighter

Wyatt Perkins, Firefighter

Chief Delfs welcomed the new firefighters to the Avra Valley family. He offered encouragement to the everyone, commenting that firefighting is a very challenging, yet rewarding career. He recognized their efforts in completing the rigorous training required, and expressed thanks to all those in attendance who have supported these firefighters along the way. The Chief provided a discussion of why the firefighter badge is a maltese cross, commenting that wearing the badge means you are willing to lay down your life for others just like the Knights in days of old. He encouraged all to wear the badge with both pride and honor, knowing that this is a highly respected career. The Chairman congratulated all the firefighters and expressed thanks to the families for their encouragement and sacrifices.

5) **Call To The Public** **NONE**

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

*A brief summary of announcements, current events, correspondence, and other information concerning the District. The Governing Board is prohibited from proposing, discussing, deliberating, and/or taking legal action on any matters under this agenda item, unless specifically listed as an agenda item elsewhere on this agenda.*

- Marana State of the Town Address and Luncheon – April 14, 2022, Ritz-Carlton
- AFDA Summer Conference - July 12-14, 2022, Renaissance Glendale

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 regular meeting held February 24, 2022**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Clerk 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 highlighted the following items from his report:

- We are gathering bids for a pad next to the mechanics shop. Three Points is interested in splitting the cost with us since Tom is working on their vehicles as well.
- Vice-Chairman Bauer inquired about the staffing levels. We have hired 9 firefighters since the beginning of the fiscal year, and had 6 resignations. We hope to fill one more position.

**9) Review, Discussion and possible Action to modify and/or approve the February 2022 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review.**

Chief Delfs offered thanks to Ms. Palmquist for another clean audit. The auditors will present the final audit report telephonically at the April meeting. Brief discussion ensued about the wildland season. This year, fire districts will be called before private contractors, so we are expecting a very active season. We are eligible to share personnel with Three Points. Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the February 2022 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Clerk Neilson seconded. *Motioned carried unanimously, 4:0.*

**10) Review, Discussion and possible Action to determine future Board meeting dates.**

The Board briefly discussed the time for the meetings. The consensus was that 5:30 seems to be a convenient time. Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned that the Avra Valley Fire Board meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of every month at 5:30 in the evening. Clerk Neilson seconded.  
*Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

**11) Reports of Board Members and Staff      NONE**

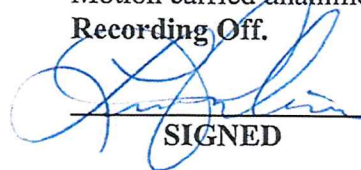
**12) Future Agenda Items                      Auditor presentation of FY21 Audit Report**

**13) Date of Next Board Meeting            April 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

**14) Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Neilson seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

**Recording Off.**

  
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DATE

**Board Members**

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

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