

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON.

1) **Call to Order** Chairman Castaneda 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

Chief Delfs

Vice-Chairman Armendarez

Assistant Chief Klein, absent/excused

Clerk Bren, absent/excused

Lorrie Palmquist, absent/excused

Director Neilson, absent/excused

Counsel Wencker, present by phone

Director Goss

Also in attendance were the firefighters listed below and several family members.

4) **Badge Pinnings**

Firefighter Kristen Feldman

Paramedic Kye Kinney

Firefighter Zachary Harper

Presentation of Retirement Plaque-Mike Ryder

Firefighter William Lewis

Firefighter Nathaniel Morales-Ruiz

Firefighter Andrew Winkel

5) **Call To The Public** None.

6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence** None.

7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the adoption of the *Minutes* from the Public Hearing and regular meeting held on June 22, 2023.**

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to approve the *Minutes* from the public hearing and regular meeting held on June 22, 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.

The Chief highlighted the FY23 numbers from the financial statements and he discussed the current state of wildfire season in Arizona.

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

Director Goss moved to approve the financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign the *Certificate of Review* in the absence of the Clerk. Director Armendarez seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

10) Review, Discussion and possible Action to repair or replace the well at Station 191.

Discussion included the cost to repair the existing well and the likelihood of the repairs working only estimated to be 50-50. Questions about the cost for a new well and the advantages of moving the well out of the AZ Electric Co-op yard to an area closer to the station were discussed. It was also noted that the Electric Co-op has agreed to pay \$15,000 toward a new well if the District agrees to cap the old well and file the necessary paperwork with ADEQ. Director Goss asked the Chief to research the warranty that will come with a new well. Mr. Armendarez asked how deep the water table is. Chief Delfs did not know the depth of the water table, but the proposal from Mike's Drilling includes up to 400 feet of drilling and well liner.

Director Goss motioned that the District move forward with a new well at an estimated price of \$44,019 before the AZEC subsidy. Vice-Chairman Armendarez seconded. *Motioned carried unanimously.3:0.*

11) Reports of Board Members and Staff

- Mr. Castaneda and Mr. Armendarez highlighted their experiences at the recent AFDA conference.

12) Future Agenda Items NONE

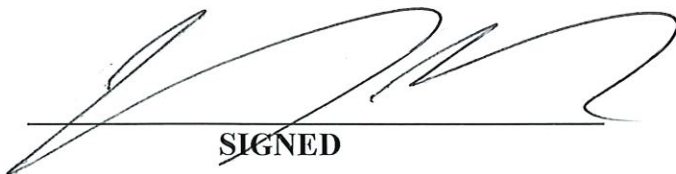
13) Date of Next Board Meeting August 24, 2023

14) Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Goss seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM>

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SIGNED



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Board Members

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

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