

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021
Meeting Time: 4:00 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON.

- 1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:07 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	Counsel Wencker (present by phone)
Director Haffner	
- 4) **Recognition of Personnel** NONE
- 5) **Call To The Public** NONE
- 6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**
 - Conference registrations and hotel reservations have been made for the AFDA Conference in January.
- 7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the following items for consent:**
 - *Minutes from the regular meeting held October 28, 2021*

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Haffner seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

- 8) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to elect Officers of the Avra Valley Fire Board of Directors**
 - Director Bauer nominated Mr. Castaneda for Chairman. Director Armendarez seconded. Mr. Castaneda accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.
 - Director Armendarez nominated Ms. Bauer for Vice-Chairman. Director Neilson seconded. Ms. Bauer accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.
 - Chairman Castaneda nominated Mr. Neilson for Clerk. Director Haffner seconded. Mr. Neilson accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

Chairman Castaneda thanked everyone for the service to the District.

9) **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:

- Avra Valley Fire District has been selected as a tester for the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Project (GADS) which will begin for many ambulance transport entities in January 2022. The testing will enable the project administrators to analyze the appropriateness of their online portal in capturing the copious amount of data required from selected ambulance entities. The final goal of the project is to submit communication to Congress regarding the appropriateness of Medicare disbursements to citizens, as well as to assist in determining appropriate billing rates. Most ground ambulance entities will be required to report at some point within the data collection period. Those who do not will be penalized with a 10% reduction in their Medicare billing revenue.
- Director Bauer inquired about the current hiring process. Chief Delfs responded that the District is currently in a joint hiring process with Three Points Fire District to fill two positions. The Reserve Program will only be for firefighters between Three Points Fire District and Avra Valley Fire District. We are not hiring Reserves from the outside. A brief discussion ensued.

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

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the October 2021 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

- 11) **Reports of Board Members and Staff** **NONE**
- 12) **Future Agenda Items** **NONE**
- 13) **Date of Next Board Meeting** **December 16, 2021 4:00 PM**

14) **Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Haffner seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.* Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.
Recording Off.

Eric Neilson
SIGNED

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DATE

Board Members

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

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