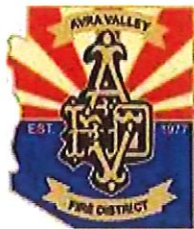


MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022

Meeting Time: 5:00 PM

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

- 1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castenada called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- 3) **Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

Chairman Castaneda

Vice-Chairman Bauer

Clerk Neilson

Director Armendarez, present by phone

Director Bren

Chief Delfs

Assistant Chief Klein, absent/excused

Lorrie Palmquist

Chris Wencker, present by phone

- 4) **Swearing in of new Board member Cody Bren**

Chairman Castenada administered the *Oath of Office* for Director Bren. Welcome Director Bren!

- 5) **Recognition of Personnel: Badge Pinnings**

Brian Murphy, Firefighter/EMT

Christian Remington, Firefighter/EMT

Michael Sanchez, Firefighter/EMT

Andrew Winkel, Firefighter/EMT

Chief Delfs addressed the new firefighters and their families, commenting that firefighting is an honorable profession. He encouraged the firefighters to feel a sense of accomplishment, pride and purpose as they embark on this fulfilling career. Chief Delfs offered a brief historical description of why the Maltese cross is used for the badge. Family members pinned the badges for the new firefighters and congratulations were offered to all. Chairman Castenada offered a special welcome and thank you to the family members who were present.

- 6) **Call To The Public NONE**

- 7) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**

- Chief Delfs announced that the AFDA Winter Conference will be held January 11-13, 2023, in Laughlin.

- 8) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the following items for consent:**

- ***Minutes from the regular meeting held July 28, 2022***

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

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:

- Type 3 wildland truck is in Texas right now with a 4-man crew. We also have one firefighter on assignment with Three Points Fire in California.
- You will notice a large expense posting in August for a new turbo plus installation charges for the large tender.
- Our mechanic is experiencing a real delay in obtaining some parts. We are hoping to acquire some assistance for him, and will plan to share the costs with Three Points Fire.
- We are still waiting to hear if we were able to obtain grants for replacing some apparatus.

10) Review, Discussion and Possible Action to approve the revised fingerprint policy per the recent triennial compliance audit

The Az Department of Public Safety Access Integrity Unit (AIU) recently conducted a triennial audit for the District. The AIU recommended that the District update its notification to new applicants, as well as update the existing District fingerprint policy to include specific verbiage. The revised policy was presented in the Board packet, along with samples of notification to new applicants. Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the revised fingerprint policy. Clerk Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

11) Review, Discussion and possible Action to modify and/or approve the July 2022 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review

Chief Delfs informed the Board that the PSPRS recently announced that districts will be required to refund certain Tier1b and Tier 2 employees for contributions which were overwithheld. Districts will have until September 30 to make the refunds. Many districts will also be required to refund several employees who were not appropriately classified in the pension system during their time as a Reserve for South Tucson Fire. We are awaiting final determination of amounts. Director Armendarez motioned to approve the July 2022 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Vice-Chairman Bauer seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

12) Reports of Board Members and Staff

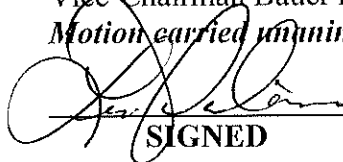
13) Future Agenda Items Board photos October 27, 2022

14) Date of Next Board Meeting September 22, 2022

15) Adjournment

Vice Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Armendarez seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.



SIGNED

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DATE

Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Thomas Armendarez Cody Bren

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