

MINUTES

Avra Valley Fire District

Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board

Meeting of Thursday, April 4, 2013

Avra Valley Fire District, 15790 W. Silverbell, Marana, AZ

9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bauer at 9:05 am.

In attendance:

Chief Delfs, Chairman Sara Bauer, Member Bill Scott, Member Bob Jones, Member Chris George, Member Tony Donaldson, Clerk Lorrie Palmquist and Mr. Lloyd Baker.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. March 13, 2013 Minutes for approval

Member Tony Donaldson motioned to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Bill Scott. ***Motion carried 5/0.***

B. EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR DISABILITY APPLICATION PHYSICALS FOR

Lloyd Baker by Dr. Dennis Thrasher at Sunnyside Medcenter. Amount to be determined.

Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Expenditure Statement for Disability Application physicals for Lloyd Baker by Dr. Dennis Thrasher at Sunnyside Medcenter in the amount to be determined. The motion was seconded by Member Chris George. ***Motion carried 5/0.***

3. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY PENSION

Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection A.R.S. 38-431.03(2) and discussion or consultation for legal advice with attorney staff A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A (3 § 4)).

No Executive Session discussion.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

Chief Delfs explained that Mr. Baker had been with the District since 2004. He was injured in an auto accident while responding to a call. The attending doctors have said that Mr. Baker has reached the maximum level of improvement and is unable to perform duties as a firefighter. The Chief directed the Board to their packets containing a form from Dr. Thrasher stating Mr. Baker's injuries were incurred in the line of duty. The form clearly states that his injuries preclude him from performing his duties and are total and permanent.

Chairman Bauer moved that based upon the letter from Dr. Thrasher and Sunnyside Medcenter dated March 28, 2013; that Mr. Lloyd Baker's application for accidental disability retirement be approved pending his separation of service from the Avra Valley Fire District. The motion was seconded by Member Bob Jones. ***Motion carried 5/0.***

Chief Delfs commented that this is a difficult time for a firefighter. The Chief expressed thanks on behalf of the District, stating that Mr. Baker has been a stellar employee and has fought hard to get back to duty. The District has received great feedback from the public on calls he attended.

Mr. Baker expressed his thanks to the District.

5. FUND INFORMATION

Chief Delfs stated that the District is still waiting for the actuarial report. The current rate of 14.4% will climb next year because of three accidental disabilities on record for the year. Furthermore, SB1609 will cause the rate to go up. Finally, the Chief stated that our rate is very low compared to the 47% rate the City of Tucson is paying.

Chairman Bauer inquired if the rates will be known by the April fire Board meeting. Chief Delfs responded in the affirmative. Member Tony Donaldson commented that a rate increase is expected anyway.

Chairman Bauer commented that the Fund information presented at the last PSPRS Board meeting was very informative and directed that those members who were absent from that meeting should receive a copy of the information presented.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM. The motion was seconded by Member Tony Donaldson. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON: February 25, 2014

SIGNED: _____