

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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Counsel Wencker, by phone

MINUTES 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 Castaneda 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

Board Members in Attendance Staff Members in Attendance Others in Attendance

Chairman Castaneda Chief Delfs

Vice-Chairman Bauer Assistant Chief Klein

Clerk Neilson Lorrie Palmquist, by phone

Director Armendarez, by phone

Absent/Excused

Director Haffner

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL

Badge Pinnings Frank Renda, Paramedic

Daniel Ader, Firefighter Stephen Borgens, Firefighter Brian Gonzalez, Firefightr 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



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6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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

7. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Minutes from 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: fire suppression, EMS and wildland services, 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. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO 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. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> 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.



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11. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board may not discuss or take any action on topics presented for future agendas.

Auditor presentation of FY21 Audit Report

13. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting will be 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**

Luís Castaneda	4-21-22
SIGNED	DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

LUIS CASTANEDA, JR. SARA BAUER THOMAS ARMENDAREZ ERIC NEILSON JAMES HAFFNER

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