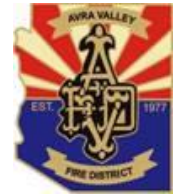




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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024
Meeting Time: 4:30 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:31 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 in Attendance	Others in Attendance
Chairman Castaneda	Chief Delfs	Counsel Wencker
Clerk Bren	Assistant Chief Klein	Honorable Judge Roberts
Director Goss	Lorrie Palmquist	28 guests in attendance
Vice-Chairman Armendarez, by phone		
Director Neilson		

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL

Emma Layton, Paramedic

Emma Layton was sworn-in by Honorable Justice Vince Roberts. Her Grandmother pinned her badge

Marissa Hillebert, Firefighter

Marissa Hillebert was sworn-in by Honorable Justice Vince Roberts. Her friend, Wendy, pinned the badge.

Chairman Castaneda offered thanks to all the family members present and a special thanks for the sacrifices made to help these firefighters reach their goal.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Registration is now open for the Winter 2025 AFDA Conference will be held January 15-17, 2025 in Laughlin, NV.

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2024

Clerk Bren motioned to adopt the Minutes from the regular meeting held on October 24, 2024. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0*



8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ELECT OFFICERS OF THE AVRA VALLEY FIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A PIMA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WILL BE PRESENT TO SWEAR-IN MR. CASTANEDA AND MS. GOSS.

Honorable Justice Vince Roberts was present to swear in Mr. Castaneda and Ms. Goss who were recently re-elected for another four-year term as Board members.

Ms. Goss nominated Luis Castaneda for Chairman. Mr. Armendarez seconded. Mr. Castaneda accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Director Bren motioned that Luis Castaneda, Jr, be appointed as Chairman of the Board. Ms. Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.* Luis Castaneda was appointed as Chairman of the Board by acclamation.

Ms. Goss nominated Thomas Armendarez for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. Armendarez accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ms. Goss motioned to appoint Mr. Armendarez as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. Bren seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.* Thomas Armendarez was appointed to the Vice-Chairman position by acclamation.

Ms. Goss nominated Mr. Bren for the Clerk position. Mr. Bren accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ms. Goss motioned to appoint Mr. Bren as Clerk of the Board. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.* Cody Bren was appointed to the Clerk position by acclamation.

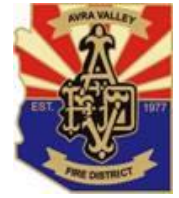
9. CHIEF'S REPORT

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 stated that staff reports were included in the Board packets. He informed the Board that both the mental health and cancer initiatives are moving forward.

10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW

Clerk Bren motioned to approve the October 2024 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*



11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOGNIZE THE RED ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Ms. Tiffancy Massie and 5 Red Rock GATE students presented a project they have been working on regarding air quality. The GATE students have developed a Nationally recognized cost-effective DIY air purifier system. The group has worked with Arizona State University, Pinal County and the Southern Arizona Research Science & Engineering Foundation. Chairman Castaneda expressed thank you to the group and praised them for their innovative research. Clerk Bren motioned to instruct Chief Delfs to work with Ms. Massie and move forward with building the air purifiers for the Avra Valley Fire District stations. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

12. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF NONE

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

The Board requested follow-up on the air purifier project.

14. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting will be Thursday, December 19, at 4:30 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Bren motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Goss seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

RECORDING OFF

Cody Bren

12-19-24

SIGNED

DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

LUIS CASTANEDA, JR. THOMAS ARMENDAREZ CODY BREN ERIC NEILSON MICHELLE STARK-GOSS

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