

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Friday, April 24, 2020

Meeting Time: 8:00 AM

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

RECORDING ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

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 Counsel Wencker, by phone

Chief Delfs Chairman Castaneda

Vice-Chairman Bauer, by phone Assistant Chief Klein

Clerk Neilson Lorrie Palmquist, by phone

Director Armendarez, by phone Director Haffner, by phone

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL **NONE**

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC **NONE**

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Az DHS and Bureau of EMS & Trauma System Certificate TRN 20-006 signifying Avra Valley Fire District recognized as a Treat and Refer EMS Agency

AFDA Conference for Summer 2020 has been cancelled.

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Minutes from the regular meeting held on March 20, 2020

Vice — Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Minutes from the March 20,2020 regular Board meeting. Clerk Neilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

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.

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The Chief highlighted the following items from his report:

We will have a preliminary budget for review at the May Board meeting.

The biggest issues are the workers comp because CopperPoint has pulled out of the State for firefighters. We have 3 options: 7710 with over 200% increase, State Risk Pool which is the insurer of last resort, or minimum of 25% increase with the AFDA Risk Pool. If claims exceed the amount of capitalization, then the Districts will be assessed. Any claims made prior to July 1 would continue to fall under our prior carrier.

Also, employee benefits going up by 16% meaning \$25,000 for the District. The brokers were asked to shop the market. CIGNA responded with a 13% increase, yet the Beazley GAP could only be used for 50% of the deductible. Director Haffner suggested a med-share group for which we have submitted a census.

Our VFIS insurance came back with no increase.

The Treat & Refer program allows FF/EMS to treat people in their homes. We applied for it and were approved within one day and completed the required training.

The District received a stimulus payment of \$9,134.83 in April 2020.

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2020-01 ANNOUNCING AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION OF TWO BOARD MEMBERS AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH PIMA AND PINAL COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-01 announcing and authorizing the election of two Board members and authorizing staff to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with Pima and Pinal counties for the November 2020 election. Clerk Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, *5:0*.

10. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the March 2020 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Clerk Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, 5:0.

11. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

FY21 Preliminary Budget

Possible annexation of Picacho RV Park



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13. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting will be May 22, 2020.

The Chairman called for a moment of silence for staff and all caregivers and victims of COVID-19. We appreciate the hard work and dedication during this time. Thank you for keeping our community and staff safe.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Neilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Bauer seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, *5:0*. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM. **RECORDING OFF**

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SIGNED	DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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