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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date:Friday July 26, 2019Meeting Time:8:00 AMLocation:21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 8:06 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 Chairman Castaneda Vice-Chairman Bauer Clerk Neilson Director Armendarez **Staff Members in Attendance** Chief Delfs Assistant Chief Klein Lorrie Palmquist **Others in Attendance** Counsel Wencker, by phone

Absent/Excused Director Haffner

- 4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL NONE
- 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Delfs commented that we want to reserve hotel spots for the January 2020 AFDA Conference in Laughlin as soon as the hotel information becomes available.

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

Minutes from the Public Hearings and Regular Meeting held June 28, 2019 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:

- Regarding wildland, the State is beginning to deploy private third parties ahead of fire districts as a cost savings measure. Yet, in the first month of the new fiscal year we have earned \$50,000 for 8 incidents,
- Chief Klein put together a stellar testing/promotional process for captains. All of our candidates performed really well. We used role players and graders from many other districts. Dave Collings will be promoted soon to fill the recent opening. Firefighter Chris George is second on the list. The list will last for two years and can be extended for another year.

9. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2019 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the June 2019 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, *4:0.*

10. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE FIRE CHIEF'S</u> PERFORMANCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to A.R.S. section 38-431.03(A)(1), the Governing Board may vote to enter Executive Session for discussion and consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, salary, benefits, discipline, or dismissal of Fire Chief Brian Delfs. Chief Delfs has been notified as required by law and he has waived his right to request that deliberations be held during a meeting open to the public.

Chairman Castaneda motioned to convene in Executive Session with the four Board members, Chief Delfs and Counsel Wencker. Vice-Chairman Bauer seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 4:0**

Regular Session reconvened at 8:31 AM

11. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> REGARDING ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to continue the Fire Chief's contract at the present terms and to direct the Fire Chief to collect the full amount of the salary specified in the contract. The motion was seconded by Director Armendarez. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

12. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Chief Delfs reported that he attended the recent AFDA Conference in Glendale, commenting that it was a better conference than in previous years and there was better attendance. Director Armendarez reported that he also attended the AFDA Conference.



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13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None noted

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

14. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting will be August 23, 2019.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, *4:0.* Meeting adjourned at 8:43 AM. **RECORDING OFF**

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BOARD MEMBERS

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