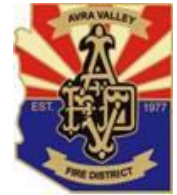




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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Meeting Date:** Friday, June 26, 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 8:08 AM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**3. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM**

| <b>Board Members in Attendance</b> | <b>Staff in Attendance</b> | <b>Others in Attendance</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chairman Castaneda                 | Chief Delfs                | Counsel Wencker, by phone   |
| Vice-Chairman Bauer                | Lorrie Palmquist, by phone |                             |
| Clerk Neilson                      |                            |                             |
| Director Haffner                   |                            |                             |

**Absent/Excused**  
 Director Armendarez  
 Assistant Chief Klein

Chairman Castaneda opened the annual Public Hearing to consider the budget

**4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2021**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 48-805 and 48-807, The Avra Valley Fire District through its Board of Directors, has prepared an annual budget that contains detailed estimated expenditures for the fiscal year and clearly shows salaries payable to employees of the District, including the Fire Chief. In accordance with State statute, the *FY21 Proposed Budget* was posted in four public places and on the District's website for twenty days prior to holding this Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting said budget. Copies of the budget have also been made available to members of the public upon written request to the District. Following the Public Hearing, the District Board may adopt the budget, whereafter a complete copy of the *Adopted FY21 Budget* shall be posted in a prominent location on the District's official website within seven business days and shall be retained on the website for at least sixty months.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FY 2021 BUDGET PURSUANT TO ARS 48-807**

Chief Delfs stated that the FY21 Proposed Budget has been posted at all four stations and on the District website for the legally required amount of time and there has been no public comment

**6. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

After no further comment, Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing. Director Haffner seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*  
 Public Hearing was adjourned



7. **RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL** NONE

8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** NONE

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Delfs expressed thanks to Ms Bauer and other members of the community for donating items to the District. We are very grateful for the support

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

Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 22, 2020  
Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Minutes from the regular Board meeting held May 22, 2020. Director Haffner seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0*

11. **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 grateful to Golder Ranch Fire District for their assistance with replacing our outdated phone system. Our District deployed a Type 6 and a Type 3 to the Big Horn Fire. Both crews have returned safely. And the fire has been billed.

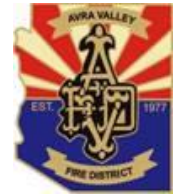
Our Type 3 was recently deployed to the Aquila Fire in the Daisy Mountain area north of Phoenix. That crew has returned safely.

The Type 6 is out for engine repair. We are grateful to our mechanic for his valiant efforts in maintaining our fleet.

Practical testing has been completed in order to establish an eligibility list

12. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FY2021 BUDGET INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF THE SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF \$3.50 AND THE BOND REPAYMENT LEVY OF \$ .60 OR OTHER LEY AMOUNTS AS DETEREMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chief Delfs stated that the FY21 Budget reflects the tax levy rate at \$3.50, noting that FY21 is year 3 of the 5-year voter-approved tax levy rate increase. Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adopt the FY21 Budget including the property tax levy of \$3.50 and the bond repayment levy of \$ .60. Director Haffner seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*



**13. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the May 2020 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Clerk Neilson seconded.

*Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

**14. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION TO THE DISPATCH AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH WE PAY FEES TO THE CITY OF TUCSON THROUGH NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT AS A MEMBER OF THE SAFERC CONSORTIUM**

Chief Delfs stated that this dispatch agreement is extended through amendments every year. The current amendment will cover FY21. Counsel Wencker stated that he has reviewed the amendment. Chairman Castaneda motioned to approve the extension to the dispatch agreement. Vice-Chairman Bauer seconded.

*Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

**15. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Chairman Castaneda offered thanks to District staff for the preparation of the FY21 Budget and meticulous attention to the details.

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**                      None Noted

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

**17. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The date of the next Board meeting will be July 24 2020.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Haffner seconded.

*Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.* Meeting adjourned at 8:39 AM.

**RECORDING OFF**

*Eric Neilson*

**7-24-20**

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**SIGNED**

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**DATE**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

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