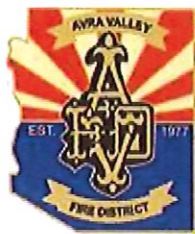


# MINUTES

## AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

### 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

- 1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all present.
- 3) **Roll Call** In attendance:  
Chairman Castaneda, Jr Chief Delfs  
Vice-Chairman Bauer (present by phone) Assistant Chief Klein  
Clerk Neilson Lorrie Palmquist (present by phone)  
Director Armendarez (present by phone) Counsel Wencker (present by phone)  
Director Haffner (present 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:**  
*A consent agenda allows the Board to approve several items simultaneously without the need to file separate motions for each item. Items are usually believed to be non-controversial and do not require further explanation. Any Board Member may ask that an item be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.*
  - **Minutes from the regular meeting 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: 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 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** regarding 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) **Review, Discussion and possible Action** 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.*


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| 11) Reports of Board Members and Staff | NONE  |
| 12) Future Agenda Items                | FY21 Preliminary Budget<br>Possible annexation of Picacho RV Park |
| 13) Date of Next Board Meeting         | 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.

  
SIGNED

  
DATE

**Board Members**

**Luis Castaneda, Jr. Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Thomas Armendarez James Haffner**

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