

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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** The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all present.
- 3) **Roll Call** In attendance:

Chairman Castaneda, Jr	Chief Delfs
Vice-Chairman Bauer	Assistant Chief Klein, absent/excused
Clerk Neilson	Lorrie Palmquist (present by phone)
Director Armendarez, absent/excused	Counsel Wencker (present by phone)
Director Haffner	

Chairman Castanada 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.

4.1) **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.

4.2) **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.

- 5) Recognition of Personnel NONE
6) Call To The Public NONE

7) 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.

8) Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the following items for consent:

- *Minutes from the regular meeting 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.*

9) 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 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.

10) Review, Discussion and possible Adoption of the FY2021 Budget including the adoption of the secondary property tax levy of \$3.50 and the bond repayment levy of \$.60 or other levy amounts as determined 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.

11) 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.

- 12) 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.*

13) **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.

14) **Future Agenda Items**


15) **Date of Next Board Meeting** **July 24, 2020**

16) **Adjournment**

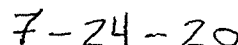
Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Haffner seconded.

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

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SIGNED



DATE

Board Members

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

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