

# MINUTES

## AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** 15790 W. Silverbell Road, Marana, AZ 85653 – day room

#### RECORDING ON.

#### 1) Call To Order

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**            The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all present.

3) **Roll Call**                        The roll was called by Secretary Palmquist. In attendance were:

#### Board

Chairman Castaneda, Jr.  
Vice-Chair Aleya Lassen  
Clerk Sara Bauer (Absent, Excused)  
Director Eric Neilson  
Director Brian Horch

#### Staff

Chief Delfs  
Assistant Chief Klein  
Lorrie Palmquist, Finance/Admin Manager  
Counsel Wencker (present by phone)

Captian Brian Lassen and serveral firefighters in attendance.

#### 4) Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held January 22, 2014

Vice-Chairman Lassen motioned to approved the Minutes from the regular meeting held January 22, 2014 as presented. Director Horch seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

5) **Call To The Public**            None.

#### 6) Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence

Chief Delfs informed the Board that reservations need to be made today for anyone planning to attend the Pinal County Breakfast on Friday, February 21.

Chief Delfs offered kudos to Assistant Chief Klein who is honored with publishing credit in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the AHLS Provider Manual as both an Assistant Editor and a member of the Advisory Committee.

## 7) Chief's Reports

- **Chief Delfs** – training, vehicles, labor relations, personnel, stations, communications

Chief Delfs directed the Board to their packets. He stated that the District has not yet gotten a response from the Asarco mine regarding their inquiry for subscription service to our District. The Chief explained that Asarco approached our District because they are required to have first responders listed on their Emergency Response Plan.

- **Chief Klein** - operations and response times

Chief Klein directed the Board to the two reports in their packets. He stated that last month we improved our target response time by responding within 14 minutes or less 91% of the time. This is a significant improvement and the expectation is that our response times will continue to be met even more efficiently as Station 194 opens.

## 8) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to approve the January 2014 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*.**

Vice-Chairman Lassen motioned to approve the January 2014 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Director Horch seconded.  
*Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

## 9) Reports of Board Members and Staff

Vice-Chairman Lassen stated that she attended the Red Rock Homeowners Association Meeting on February 6. She commented that the meeting was well-attended and everyone seemed receptive to the plans for the opening of Station 194. Director Horch offered thanks to the District Administration for attending the meeting, stating that it was important for the residents to see a unified front.

## 10) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding a proposed amendment to Article V of the *Memorandum of Understanding* between the Avra Valley Fire District and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 4462, to comply with the ruling of the Arizona Superior court in and for Maricopa County in the case titled *Cheatham v. DiCiccio*.**

Chief Delfs addressed the Board, stating that in order to avoid exposing our District to liability we should adopt the proposed amendment to the MOU with our local 4462. The language has been reviewed by Union President, Captian Brian Lassen. Counsel Wencker explained that this addendum is the result of a recent Superior Court ruling regarding a case out of Phoenix which dealt with conducting union activities on company time. Counsel added that nothing about our current practice will expose us to such liability, but this addendum will make it abundantly clear.

Vice-Chairman Lassen motioned to approve the proposed amendment to Article V of the *Memorandum of Understanding* between the Avra Valley Fire District and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 4462, to comply with the ruling of the Arizona Superior court in and for Maricopa County in the case titled *Cheatham v. DiCiccio*. Director Horch seconded.

*Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.*

**11) Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the building projects**

Chief Delfs addressed the Board, commenting that Station 192 and 194 projects are moving forward. Metal has been ordered for the apparatus bay at Station 194. Pinal County continues to do substantial review of the plans for Station 194, including such issues as rock, plants and retention basins. Once the permits are drawn for Station 192, the builders have six months to complete the project. We are hoping to be in the new facilities by Fall. Chairman Castaneda restated that the projects are progressing smoothly. Director Neilson inquired about whether we are receiving everything we anticipated out of the projects. Chief Delfs responded, "... and more."

Chairman Castaneda inquired about the tower at Station 192. Chief Delfs responded that the final inspection has been done by Pinal County and we are just waiting on the IT to put all the infrastructure in place.

Captian Lassen expressed his thanks to the District, stating that all the troops are very positive, upbeat and excited about the growth within the District.

**12) Future Agenda Items**

**13) Date of Next Board Meeting - March 19, April 16**

Chief Delfs commented that the proposed dates are for the third week of the month instead of the fourth week. The Board expressed general consensus with the proposed meeting dates.

**14) Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Lassen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Director Horch seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.** Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

**Recording Off.**

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Approved

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Date

**Board Members**

**Luis Castaneda, Jr. Aleyna Lassen Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Brian Horch**

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