

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Meeting Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

Recording On.

- 1) **Call to Order** Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
- 3) **Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

Chairman Castaneda	Chief Delfs
Vice-Chairman Armendarez, absent/excused	Assistant Chief Klein
Clerk Bren	Lorrie Palmquist
Director Neilson	Counsel Wencker, present by phone
Director Goss	
- 4) **Recognition of Personnel** NONE
- 5) **Call To The Public** NONE
- 6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence** NONE
- 7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the adoption of the Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 27, 2023.**

Director Goss motioned to adopt the *Minutes* from the regular meeting held July 27, 2023. Director 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: 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:

 - The District has been awarded a grant from the Gila River Community for communication systems
 - We still have a wildland crew in California. The new billing system has been implemented and has really expedited the reimbursement process.
 - SAFER grant is running behind in their reimbursements. The District will be requesting an extension of the grant period.
 - We still do not know when the repairs will be made for the ST 191 well.
- 9) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to approve the July 2023 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review.**

Clerk Bren motioned to approve the July 2023 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Director Goss seconded. ***Motioned carried unanimously, 4:0.***

- 10) Review, Discussion and possible Action to consider the purchase of a command pickup truck to replace vehicle #112 which was totaled in a collision. The Chief is proposing a 2023 Ford F-150, VIN #1FTEW1EPOPKE37611. The total cost of the vehicle including taxes and fees and registration is \$52,469.76.

Chief Delfs explained that one of the command vehicles was involved in an accident in the ST 191 area. The accident report did cite the other driver. Our insurance will reimburse \$25,782 towards the purchase of a new vehicle. The information and price quoted is for a white Ford F-150 which will be used by the Fire Chief. His current red Ford F-250 will be passed on to the Battalion Chief. The new vehicle will still need lights, decals, and radio equipment.

Clerk Bren motioned to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 with VIN #1FTEW1EPOPKE37611 at a total cost of \$52,469.76 including the taxes, fees and registration. Director Goss seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.

- 11) Reports of Board Members and Staff NONE

12) Future Agenda Items

Chief Delfs informed the Board that the District is considering a potential bond issue in the Spring, with bond proceeds being targeted for the purchase of new apparatus. More updates to follow.

- 13) Date of Next Board Meeting September 28, 2023

14) Adjournment

Clerk Bren motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Neilson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 4:0 Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM..

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SIGNED

9.28.2023

DATE

Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Thomas Armendarez Cody Bren Eric Neilson Michelle Stark-Goss

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