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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 24, 2025
Meeting Time: 4:30 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

Recording On.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Clerk Bren called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

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

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

Board Members in Attendance	Staff in Attendance	Others in Attendance
Vice-Chairman Armendarez, by phone	Chief Delfs	FF Villa
Clerk Bren	Asst Chief Klein	FF Gilbert
Director Neilson	Lorrie Palmquist	FF Winkel
Director Goss	Chief Kennedy	several family members

Absent/Excused
Chairman Castaneda
Counsel Wencker

4. **RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL**
   Badge Pinning – Sabrina Villa, Firefighter/EMT
   Badge Pinning – Maverick Gilbert, Firefighter/EMT
   Badge Pinning – Andrew Winkel, Paramedic

   Chief Delfs issued the *Oath of Office* for the two new firefighters, Villa and Gilbert. He gave a brief description of why the firefighter badge is shaped like a maltese cross and how the badge represents bravery and courage. Family members pinned badges for the new firefighters.

   Chief Delfs introduced Firefighter Winkel, explaining that the District recently sponsored him through the paramedic certification course promoted to paramedic. Chief Delfs thanked him for his commitment and dedication to the District. His wife pinned the badge.

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 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 26, 2025**
   Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to adopt the *Minutes* from the Public Hearing and regular Board meeting held on June 26, 2025. 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: 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:
The FY25 budget closed on target.
June response times were met and exceeded.
The 3-1-1 system will go online August 1 for residents in Pima County.
We are waiting to hear if the District received one of the grants which we applied for. If so, those grant funds will be used for the exhaust filters which the Board has already approved. Otherwise, the District did receive ARPA funds which could be utilized to cover this large expenditure.

9. **<u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW**
Director Goss motioned to approve the June 2025 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Director Neilson seconded**. Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.**

10. **REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**
Chief Delfs reported that he, Chairman Castaneda and Vice-Chairman Armendarez attended the recent AFDA conference in Glendale.

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
The Board may not discuss or take any action on topics presented for future agendas.
No items were mentioned for inclusion on the next *Agenda*.

12. **DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**
The date of the next Board meeting will be August 28, 2025.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**
Director Goss motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Neilson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.
Recording Off.

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SIGNED DATE

BOARD MEMBERS
LUIS CASTANEDA, JR. THOMAS ARMENDAREZ CODY BREN ERIC NEILSON MICHELLE STARK-GOSS

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