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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Meeting Time: 4:30 PM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

Recording On.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:38 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
Chairman Castaneda	Chief Delfs	Counsel Wencker, via Zoom
Vice-Chairman Armendarez, Zoom	Asst Chief Klein	Firefighter Kohler and family
Director Neilson	Lorrie Palmquist	Captain Roscoe
Director Goss	BC Calhoun	

Absent/Excused
Clerk Bren

Chairman Castaneda appointed Director Goss as authorized signer in place of Clerk for the Board meeting this evening.

4. **RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL**
   Chief Delfs addressed the Board stating that becoming a firefighter is a long road. We appreciate all the hours of training, studying and work experience that it takes to get to your badge pinning. Welcome aboard! The Chief administered the *Oath of Office* to Firefighter Kohler. After the badge was pinned, Chairman Castaneda offered congratulations and thanks on behalf of the Board.

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE**

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
   The Chief stated that the AFDA winter conference will be held January 5-7, 2027, in Tucson at the Casino Del Sol.

7. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**
   Director Goss motioned to adopt the *Minutes* from the regular meeting held on September 24, 2026. 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:

- As always, the senior staff reports show an amazing amount of work accomplished each month.
- Director Goss has provided a reference for a qualified individual to fill a mechanic position with the District.
- The District recently received an ISO rating of 3, which is a very good rating for a rural fire district.
- Thank you to Chief Klein on successfully writing and receiving an AFG Grant in the amount of $ 324,000 for SCBA equipment for the District.
- Thank you to Chief Klein on making sure our District was the first in State of AZ to receive a DEA certification. This is pursuant to a new regulation which has just rolled out concerning handling of controlled substances by the District.

9. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW

Director Goss motioned to approve the September 2026 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Director Armendarez seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.

10. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Director Armendarez asked that asphalt at ST 193 be added to the "Needs" list
- Chairman Castaneda asked that the Board members obtain AVFD shirts prior to the Conference
- Director Goss offered thanks to Chief Klein for all the accomplishments on behalf of the District.
- Director Armendarez also offered much thanks.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Chief Delfs mentioned future annexations

12. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING TBD

Very brief discussion ensured regarding the dates of the meetings during November and December. It was decided to hold the November meeting on November 19, 2026, and the December meeting on December 17, 2026. Both meeting may possibly be held via Zoom.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Goss motioned to adjourn. Director Armendarez seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.
Recording Off.,

Eric Neilson
SIGNED

11-19-26
DATE

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