



MINUTES
AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM
Location: 21021 E Homestead Drive, Red Rock, Az 85145

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- 1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all present.
- 3) **Roll Call** Secretary Palmquist called roll. In attendance:

Chairman Castaneda, Jr.	Chief Delfs
Vice-Chairman Bauer	Assistant Chief Klein
Clerk Neilson	Lorrie Palmquist, Finance/Admin
Director Horch	Counsel Wencker (present by phone)
Director Armendarez (present by phone, excused at 10:47 AM)	

Several firefighters and their families were in attendance.

4) Recognition of Personnel

Chief Delfs addressed the firefighters and their families, commenting on the stellar character and integrity of the new firefighters. The Chief expressed thanks to the new firefighters for their commitment to the District, stating that the District has great confidence that all are up to the challenge, and it is with great sincerity that badges are pinned today. He further reminded those in attendance, that we must honor those who went before, honor those here and now, as well as prepare for those to follow. In exchange, this Board and the administration will strive to provide the best personnel, the best training, and the best equipment to keep everyone safe. The following badges were pinned:

Paramedic Christopher Ing
Firefighter Kyle Campbell
Firefighter NaDerra Carey
Firefighter Casey Clark
Firefighter William Conley
Firefighter Tim DelPercio
Firefighter Michelle DesRochers
Firefighter Ryan Hunt
Firefighter Adrian Koch
Firefighter Anthony Marasa
Firefighter Patrick Spencer
Firefighter Cory Wellman

Chairman Castaneda expressed thanks to all the new firefighters and their families.

Also, a *5-Year Service Pin* was awarded to Vice-Chairman Bauer for her years of service to the District. The Chief commented on her depth of commitment to the District and expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the District.

5) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held February 23, 2016**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Minutes from the regular Board meeting held February 23, 2016. Clerk Neilson seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.***

6) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to Approve the Minutes from the Executive Session held February 23, 2016**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Minutes from the Executive Session held February 23, 2016. Clerk Neilson seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.***

7) **Call To The Public None**

8) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**

- State of the Town Address & Luncheon Friday, April 22, 2016 at Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain
- AFDA summer conference July 14-16, 2016 at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa
Hotel reservations due June 19, 2016

9) **Report from the Fire Chief**

Chief Delfs commented that his *Notes* outlined the current happenings within the District. There were no further comments or questions.

10) **Review, Discussion and possible Action to approve the February 2016 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*.**

Director Horch motioned to approve the February 2016 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Vice-Chairman Bauer seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.

11) Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding Facebook or other social media

Chief Delfs addressed the Board, explaining that administration was instructed to pursue establishing a Facebook page for the District, in which there would be no forum for the public to post comment. He explained that it is not possible to set up a Facebook page which prohibits public comments. Therefore, we did not proceed with setting up a page without further instruction from the Board. Chairman Castaneda asked Counsel Wencker for further explanation. Counsel Wencker explained that if you have a social media forum which is available to the public, you cannot restrict viewpoints of someone commenting, whether the comments are positive or negative. Further, it could expose the District to liability to prohibit negative comment. Also, any comment posted to the page becomes a public record and is, therefore, required to be retained for the specified time per State retention schedules. Counsel Wencker suggested that the District could prominently display a pinned post stating that the Facebook page will not be used for submitting official complaints. Assistant Chief Klein added that a disclaimer could be attached to the page stating that public comments do not reflect the position of the District.

Lengthy discussion ensued concerning the value of a Facebook page and the ability to reach a larger audience with announcements and important communications about what the District is doing.

Director Horch motioned to table the Facebook idea one more month and let the Chiefs speak with other districts and make decision at the next Board meeting. Chief Delfs and Assistant Chief Klein commented that they recently spoke with several other fire districts about this issue. They discovered that many of the other districts were not aware of the legal requirements or ramifications of the Facebook forum, and had not addressed these issues. Therefore, they had no guidance or suggestion for us. Director Horch withdrew his motion and made a new motion to instruct administration to move forward with a Facebook page for a trial period. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Bauer. The Chairman called for a roll call vote: Chairman Castaneda, nay; Vice-Chairman Bauer, ay; Clerk Neilson, ay; Director Horch, ay. ***Motioned carried 3:1.***

12) Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the building projects

The Chief commented that there is an incredible amount of activity happening within the District. Assistant Chief Klein commented that he recently received praise and kudos from other districts for our buildings and IT setup.

13) Reports of Board Members and Staff

Chairman Castaneda reported that he attended the Special Districts Meeting in Pinal County. He commented that Ms. Doolittle is retiring, and expressed thanks to her for her years of service.

Clerk Neilson reported that he is investigating the possibility of setting up a vaccination clinic at Station 194 which would be sponsored by Walmart. Counsel Wencker expressed his desire to conduct further research on such an endeavor.

Chief Klein reported that he will be attending the Fire Academy in April.

14) Future Agenda Items

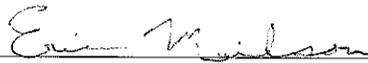
Special award for prior Board member
5yr service to Chris George

15) Date of Next Board Meeting April 27, 2016

16) Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Neilson seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

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Signed



Date

Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Brian Horch Thomas Armendarez

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