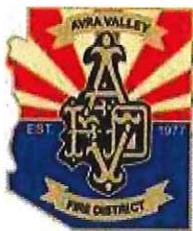


# MINUTES

## AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

### PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** 15790 W Silverbell Rd, Marana AZ 85653

#### Recording On.

1) **Call To Order** Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

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.

Vice-Chairman Bauer

Clerk Neilson (present by phone)

Director Horch (present by phone)

Director Armendarez

Chief Delfs

Lorrie Palmquist, Finance/Admin

Counsel Wencker (present by phone)

One resident was in attendance.

#### 4) **Public Hearing on Proposed Budget FY 2017**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 48-805 and 48-807, The Avra Valley Fire District through its Board of Directors, has prepared an annual budget that contains detailed estimated expenditures for the fiscal year and clearly shows salaries payable to employees of the District, including the Fire Chief. In accordance with State statute, the proposed budget was posted in four public places and on the District's website for twenty days prior to holding this Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting said budget. Copies of the budget have also been made available to members of the public upon written request to the District. Following this Public Hearing, the District Board may adopt the budget, whereafter a complete copy of the Adopted FY 2017 Budget shall be posted in a prominent location on the District's official website within seven business days and shall be retained on the website for at least sixty months.

#### 4.1) **Public Comment on the FY 2017 Budget and the possible call for an override election for the purpose of requesting additional secondary property tax revenue for the District pursuant to ARS 48-807 sec 5.**

Having no public comment, Vice Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing. Director Armendarez seconded. **Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.**

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the Board reconvened into regular session at 6:10 PM.

#### 5) **Call To The Public** NONE

- 6) **Review, Discussion and possible Action** to (1) call for an override election held for the purposes of requesting additional secondary property tax revenue for the District and (2) if the voters approve the levy then (a) \$ 1,613,854 may be collected in the first year compared to \$1,498,578 , and (b) the estimated secondary property tax rate of \$3.50 to fund the proposed levy under subdivision (a) of this paragraph in the first tax year compared to the secondary property tax rate of \$3.25 levied in the current year.

Counsel Wencker addressed the Board explaining that there is specific language in current legislation which allows the Board of Directors to consider placing a tax levy override on the ballot for voters to decide whether or not to override the current tax levy of \$3.25 to \$3.50. Chairman Castaneda inquired about the impact on our budget if the taxpayers do *not* approve a tax levy override. Chief Delfs responded that without the override, we can only sustain 2.5 years, but that if the override *is* approved, the override would allow us to meet our 5-year plan in a breakeven position. Furthermore, if the override is *not* approved, the District could consider placing the issue back on the ballot for the next general election. Vice-Chairman Bauer inquired about how to educate the community. Counsel Wencker confirmed that the Board members can advocate for or against the override, and that the Union can distribute information. Staff can put together a neutral "fact sheet" which will be reviewed by Counsel prior to any distribution.

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to take action to call for a tax levy override as stated in Agenda item (6) herein. Director Armendarez seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.***

- 7) **Review, Discussion and possible Adoption** of the FY 2017 Budget including the Adoption of the Secondary Property Tax Levy of \$3.25 with the capacity to raise the levy to \$3.50 if approved by the voters, and the Bond Repayment Levy of \$ .58

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adopt the FY2017 Budget including the adoption of the secondary property tax levy of \$3.25 with the capacity to raise the levy to \$3.50 if approved by the voters, and the Bond repayment levy of \$ .58. Chairman Castaneda seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.***

8) **Future Agenda Items**

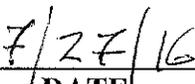
9) **Date of Next Board Meeting - July 27, 2016**

10) **Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Armendarez seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

**Recording Off.**

  
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**Board Members**

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

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