



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

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM
Location: 21021 E Homestead Drive, Red Rock, Az 85145

Recording On

- 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
Clerk Neilson	Assistant Chief Klein
Director Bauer	Lorrie Palmquist, Finance/Admin
Director Horch (absent and excused)	Counsel Wencker (present by phone)

Also 24 residents and family members were in attendance.

4) Recognition of Personnel: Personnel promoted September 7, 2015

Chief Delfs addressed the Board stating that the District is recognize the three recently promoted firefighters. These gentlemen have been stellar employees and we are expecting great things. Their families should be so proud. These firefighters are accepting an obligation which could affect the rest of their lives.

Anthony Lopez, promoted to fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic:

Anthony's parents were in attendance. His Wife, Alexis, pinned his badge.

Luis Rojas, promoted to fulltime Firefighter/EMT:

Luis' parents and children were in attendance and his Mother, Carrie, pinned his badge.

Marvin Snodgrass, promoted to fulltime Firefighter/EMT:

Marvin's parents were in attendance and his Grandfather, Michael, pinned his badge.

Chairman Castaneda offered thanks to all the families for supporting our firefighters and for supporting the sacrifices they make on behalf of the job. Union President Beatty took photos with the firefighters outside.

5) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held August 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM

Director Bauer motioned to approve the Minutes from the regular Board meeting held August 26, 2015. Clerk Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

6) Call To The Public NONE

7) Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence

- Supervisor Smith held a session at Station 194 on Tuesday, September 22, 2015
- Letter of appreciation on behalf of our firefighters - Chief Delfs commented that the District has received several phone calls from residents expressing their appreciation for our firefighters. We are very proud of them.

8) Report from the Fire Chief The Chief highlighted the following points from his report:

- We still have a wildland crew out on the Rough Fire in California.
- We are planning to open the hiring process per our SAFER grant award in October. We are planning to hire 10-11 firefighters to begin in January 2016.
- We will begin issuing burn permits on September 24. The Chief reminded everyone that the permit is not just a permit to create a fire, but an air quality permit.
- Station 192 will be completed next week. Once the final inspection is complete, the crew can move in. We will plan an openhouse to invite the public to tour the facility.
- We hope to begin the remodel of Stations 193 and 191 at the same time. The old building at 193 is sold. We are waiting on the permit from Pinal County so that a 30-day notice can be issued to remove the building. While Station 193 is being remodeled, we plan to move that crew up to Station 194 and cover the Missile Base area from Station 194 during the building period.
- 2 firefighters turned in their resignations this week after accepting offers from other, larger Fire Districts

9) Review, Discussion and possible Action to approve the August 2015 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*.

Director Bauer motioned to approve the August 2015 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Clerk Neilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

10) Review, Discussion and possible Action to conduct interviews for the vacant Board position and to appoint a resident of the District to fill the vacancy for the duration of the term of office of former Director Aleyna Lassen.

Chairman Castaneda welcomed Dawn Zurcher and Thomas Armendariz, expressing thanks for their letters of interest in serving the District. The Board questioned both candidates regarding their ability to advocate on behalf of the District, their ability to meet the required fire board education hours, and their knowledge of the District's core values, PRIDE.

After both candidates satisfactorily answered the questions posed, Director Bauer motioned to convene in Executive Session to include Chairman Castaneda, Clerk Neilson, Director Bauer, Chief Delfs and Counsel Wencker. The motion was seconded by the Chairman. The motion was amended to include Assistant Chief Klein. The motion as amended was seconded by the Chairman.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. Regular session adjourned to Executive Session at 10:42 AM. Recording Off.

At 11:00 AM, Chairman Castaneda moved to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Director Bauer. ***Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*** Regular Session reconvened at 11:00 AM.

Chairman Castaneda clarified that the vacant Board position will not term until November 2018, all education requirements must be met within one year, as well as the Open Meeting Law requirements. The Chairman expressed thanks to the candidates for their letters of interest.

Chairman Castaneda motioned to appoint Ms. Dawn Zurcher for the duration of the term of office vacated by former Board Member Aleyna Lassen. Clerk Neilson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

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

Chief Delfs covered this information in an earlier agenda item. See item (8) above.

12) Reports of Board Members and Staff

- Chairman Castaneda expressed thanks to our firefighters for the care they rendered to him after the last Board meeting, commenting that our team really shines.
- Director Bauer announced that she is sitting on the education committee for AFDA.
- Director Neilson expressed thanks for searching for his missing wallaroos.
- Chief Delfs has completed all four classes at the Fire Fire Academy. Assistant Chief Klein has completed the 3rd class and is scheduled to attend the final class in the Spring.
- Director Bauer asked to move the meeting dates for November and December. The meeting dates are listed below. The October meeting date will also be moved up. See below.

13) Future Agenda Items

- Swearing in of Board Member Zurcher
- Elections for the Vice-Chair position
- AFDA education committee report

14) Date of Next Board Meetings:

- October 20, 2015
- November 18, 2015
- December 16, 2015

15) Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.



Signed

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Date

Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Brian Horch

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