

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 25, 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 4:32 PM.

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

2. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Board Members in Attendance

Chairman Castaneda

Director Neilson

Director Goss

Staff in Attendance

Chief Delfs

Lorrie Palmquist

Others in Attendance

Counsel Wencker, by phone

Absent/Excused

Clerk Bren

Vice-Chairman Armendarez

Asst Chief Klein

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL NONE

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Delfs announced that reservations have been made for the upcoming AFDA conference and that per diem checks are available at the meeting this evening.

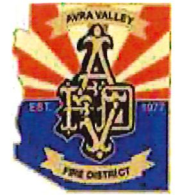
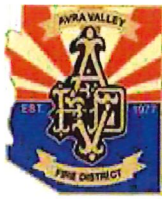
7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2026

Director Goss motioned to adopt the *Minutes* from the regular meeting held on May 28, 2026. Director Neilson seconded. Chairman Castaneda added a friendly amendment to appoint Director Goss as the acting Clerk for this meeting. ***Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.***

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 had nothing to highlight from his report.



9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW

Chairman Castaneda motioned to approve the May 2026 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review, noting the appointment of Director Goss as the acting Clerk for this meeting. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

Director Goss motioned to pause the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.* Public Hearing opened at 4:41 PM.

10. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY27 BUDGET

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 FY27 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 the Public Hearing, the District Board may adopt the budget, whereafter, a complete copy of the Adopted FY27 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.

Public Comment on the FY27 Budget pursuant to ARS 48-807

Chief Delfs stated that the budget is balanced and shows a carryover for each budget year. The budget is based on a levy rate of \$3.75 and a bond levy rate of \$.53. There were no comments or questions.

Adjournment of Public Hearing

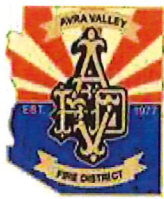
Director Goss motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene in regular session.

Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

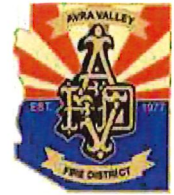
Public Hearing adjourned back into regular session at 4:45.

11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE FY27 BUDGET INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF THE SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF \$3.75 AND THE BOND REPAYMENT LEVY OF \$.53 OR OTHER LEVY AMOUNTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Neilson motioned to adopt the FY27 Budget including the property tax levy rate of \$3.75 and the bond repayment levy rate of \$.53. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*



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12. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT FOR IT SERVICES

Chief Delfs addressed the Board commenting that Golder Ranch Fire District has a large IT department. Avra Valley has had an agreement with them for several years, but with the recent change in administration, it is now necessary to enter into a formal agreement with them for IT services. Director Neilson motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Golder Ranch Fire District for IT Services, noting that Director Goss is the acting Clerk for the meeting this evening. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

13. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PIMA COUNTY REGARDING THE NEW FIRE AGENCY PREVENTION PATROL PROGRAM

Chief Delfs addressed the Board stating that the County Board of Supervisors developed this program in response to the devastating fires in California. The State of Arizona already has a severity patrol program in place, but the County is moving forward to implement a patrol program at the local level. The County approached the Pima Fire Chief's Association to oversee the program. Our District has been asked to sign onto the IGA, but before we actively participate, the County needs to sort out the logistical details. After some brief discussion, Director Neilson motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County regarding the new Fire Agency Prevention Patrol Program, noting that Director Goss has been appointed as the acting Clerk for the meeting this evening. Director Goss seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

14. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Director Neilson shared that Walgreens would be interested in providing their personnel to come out to one of our stations in the District to administer immunizations for the public.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board may not discuss or take any action on topics presented for future agendas.

- Review of the Chief's employment contract at July meeting

16. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING JULY 23, 2026

17. ADJOURNMENT

Director Neilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Goss seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Recording Off.

SIGNED

DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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