

### AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024

**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 4:31 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 AttendanceStaff in AttendanceOthers In AttendanceChairman Castaneda, by phoneChief DelfsCounsel Wencker, phoneVice-Chairman ArmendarezLorrie Palmquist

Clerk Bren Director Neilson Director Goss

Absent/Excused
Assistant Chief Klein

**4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL** None

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** None

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Director Neilson announced that the AFDA Conference was quite good.

## 7. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2023.

Clerk Bren motioned to adopt the *Minutes* from the regular Board meeting held December 20, 2023. Vice-Chairman Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, 5:0.

### 8. CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire Chief may update the Board on items of interest relating to but not limited to the following: 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.

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The Chief highlighted the following items from his report:

We are halfway through the fiscal year and will discuss a mid-year budget review later in the Agenda.

We did not meet our CON or SORC times for December.

Two of our Board members are up for election in November.

Mr. LaVallee will be attending on of the upcoming Board meetings to discuss our bonds and selling the next tranche which has already been approved by the voters in 2012.

The Department of Forestry has announced that the billable rate for older wildland vehicles will be decreased. Brief discussion ensued.

The new rules from the DHS may require substantial costs for upgrading our ambulances. Brief discussion ensued.

# 9. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW.

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to approve the December 2023 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Director Neilson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*,5:0.

### 10. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO REVIEW THE FY24 BUDGET AND MAKE LINE ITEM RECLASSIFICATIONS AS RECOMMENDED

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to approve the budget line item reclassifications as recommended. Clerk Bren seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, 5:0

### 11. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Chairman Castaneda expressed his regrets for not attending the AFDA Conference.

Vice-Chairman Armendarez enjoyed the Conference.

Director Neilson enjoyed meeting and spending time with the Three Points Board of Directors.

### 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Upcoming discussion of bonds

### 13. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Date of the next meeting will be February 22, 2024

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Bren seconded. *Motion carried unanimously,5:0*. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM. RECORDING OFF

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SIGNED	DATE	

BOARD MEMBERS

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