



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Meeting Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

RECORDING ON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:07 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 Attendance

Chairman Castaneda
Vice-Chairman Bauer
Clerk Neilson
Director Armendarez
Director Haffner

Staff Members in Attendance

Chief Delfs
Assistant Chief Klein
Lorrie Palmquist, by phone

Others in Attendance

Counsel Wencker, by phone

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL NONE

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC NONE

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Conference registrations and hotel reservations have been made for the AFDA Conference in January.

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Minutes from Regular Meeting held October 28, 2021

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Haffner seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ELECT OFFICERS OF THE AVRA VALLEY FIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Bauer nominated Mr. Castaneda for Chairman. Director Armendarez seconded. Mr. Castaneda accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

Director Armendarez nominated Ms. Bauer for Vice-Chairman. Director Neilson seconded. Ms. Bauer accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

Chairman Castaneda nominated Mr. Neilson for Clerk. Director Haffner seconded. Mr. Neilson accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

Chairman Castaneda thanked everyone for the service to the District.



9. 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 highlighted the following items from his report:

Avra Valley Fire District has been selected as a tester for the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Project (GADS) which will begin for many ambulance transport entities in January 2022. The testing will enable the project administrators to analyze the appropriateness of their online portal in capturing the copious amount of data required from selected ambulance entities. The final goal of the project is to submit communication to Congress regarding the appropriateness of Medicare disbursements to citizens, as well as to assist in determining appropriate billing rates. Most ground ambulance entities will be required to report at some point within the data collection period. Those who do not will be penalized with a 10% reduction in their Medicare billing revenue.

Director Bauer inquired about the current hiring process. Chief Delfs responded that the District is currently in a joint hiring process with Three Points Fire District to fill two positions. The Reserve Program will only be for firefighters between Three Points Fire District and Avra Valley Fire District. We are not hiring Reserves from the outside. A brief discussion ensued.

10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW.

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to approve the October 2021 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.*

11. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None Noted

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

13. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting will be December 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Haffner seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

RECORDING OFF

Eric Neilson

12-16-21

SIGNED

DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

LUIS CASTANEDA, JR. SARA BAUER THOMAS ARMENDAREZ ERIC NEILSON JAMES HAFFNER

In accordance with the Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Avra Valley Fire District is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202)720-6382 (TDD).