



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 23, 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 4:34 PM.

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

<i>Board Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Staff in Attendance</i>	<i>Others In Attendance</i>
Chairman Castaneda	Assistant Chief Klein	several family members
Vice-Chairman Armendarez, by phone	Lorrie Palmquist	Counsel Wencker, by phone
Director Neilson	Captain Gillmore, Union President	

Absent/Excused

Clerk Bren
 Director Goss
 Chief Delfs

4. RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL

Badge Pinnings for Firefighter Chris Wright, Firefighter Andrew Rutherford, Firefighter Chad Wright

Assistant Chief Klein welcomed the new firefighters and their families. He encouraged the firefighters to have a real sense of accomplishment, gratitude, pride and purpose, stating that the road to this profession is not an easy one. Chief Klein expressed thanks to the families for their support during the rigorous course of study, and emphasized that these firefighters will be able to impact the lives of others in a way that few are privileged to experience. Chief Klein issued the *Oath of Office* to the new firefighters, and the badges were pinned by family members. Chairman Castaneda offered congratulations to the firefighters and expressed both thanks and encouragement to the families.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CURRENT EVENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Save the Date: AFDA Summer Conference, July 15-19, 2024

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 25, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to adopt the *Minutes* from the regular Board meeting held April 25, 2024. Director Neilson seconded. ***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: 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.

Chief Klein highlighted the following items:

The District has made contingent offers of employment to 3 people.

They are in the process of completing the pre-employment process.

All of the Battalion Chiefs have received approval from the State Fire School to serve as instructors for certification courses.

Our Type 6 deployed several times in the last month and our tender is currently out on assignment.

The new ambulance is in service at Station 191

Chairman Castaneda inquired about the MOU with the Local 4462. President Gillmore responded that they anticipate extending the MOU Agreement.

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-03 RELATING TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCHING SERVICES

Assistant Chief Klein addressed the Board sharing that every year the District signs an agreement with Northwest Fire District for dispatch services. This agreement will be for a five-year period with an automatic 2% increase for each year within the contract term. After no further discussion, Chairman Castaneda motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03 concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement with Northwest Fire District for Emergency Dispatching Services. Director Neilson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.

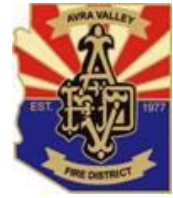
10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW.

Director Neilson motioned to approve the April 2024 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*. Vice-Chairman Armendarez seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.



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11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY FY25 BUDGET INCLUDING THE TAX LEVY ATE OF \$3.75 AND THE BOND LEVY RATE OF \$.58.

Assistant Chief Klein addressed the Board commenting that the Proposed FY25 Budget submitted is legally balanced, contains conservative revenue projections and includes a full staffing model, as well as incorporates the new payscale which was previously approved for implementation on July 1, 2024. After brief discussion, Director Neilson motioned to adopt the Proposed FY25 Budget including the tax levy rate of \$3.75 and the bond levy rate of \$.58, and to direct staff to post it as required by law in preparation for the Public Hearing and final adoption at the June Board meeting. Vice-Chairman Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

12. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF There were no reports.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Reminder that the Public Hearing and Adoption of the Final FY25 Budget will be next month.

14. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING INCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING

The Date of the next meeting will be June 25, 2024

15. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Armendarez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Nelson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.* Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM.

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SIGNED

DATE

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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