

MINUTES

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT



WORKSTUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 1, 2014
Meeting Time: 9:00 AM
Location: 15790 W. Silverbell Road, Marana, AZ 85653

Recording On.

- 1) **Call To Order** The WorkStudy Session was called to order by Chairman Castaneda at 9:11 AM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all present.
- 3) **Roll Call** The roll was called by Secretary Palmquist. In attendance:

Board

Chairman Castaneda, Jr.
Vice-Chair Aleyna Lassen (present by phone)
Clerk Sara Bauer
Director Eric Neilson
Director Brian Horch (present by phone)

Staff

Chief Delfs
Assistant Chief Klein
Lorrie Palmquist, Finance/Admin Manager
Counsel Wencker (present by phone)

The leadership of the Local 4462 were in attendance.

4) **Discussion Session regarding the FY15 Budget**

Chief Delfs addressed the Board, stating that the budget shell presented today shows a balanced budget. The primary focus of this WorkStudy Session is to discuss various sources of revenue. Currently, we are considering annexations, and joining a community paramedicine consortium. The community paramedicine program would utilize our responders to conduct housecalls for patients recently released from a hospital, with the intent being to avoid a second transport to the hospital. Under the Affordable Care Act, if a recently released patient returns to the hospital within 30 days, the hospital is paid substantially lower for that second visit. There will be stiff competition for this program.

This budget shell does not include any projected revenues from grant monies. We have had success in the past with grant applications, and we will continue to apply for grants as they arise

We are still waiting on Corporate Liability Insurance and Workman's Compensation figures. Chief Klein was successful in negotiating our IT costs down.

The Chief reminded all present that no decisions can be made today. General discussion ensued.

Local 4462 President, Jeremy Beatty, addressed the group, stating that the Union wants what is best for the District and has no intention of requesting anything *not* in the best, long-term interests of the District and its' community. He stated that the firefighters are appreciative of the current Avra leadership and the positive interaction with the Board of Directors. He reminded the Board that last fiscal year the Union voted unanimously not to even ask for a raise because they recognized the budget constraints. With the change in leadership, training, stations and apparatus, everyone sees the opportunities for growth at Avra, and appreciates the opportunity to come to the table for open discussions. Both Chairman Castaneda and Director Neilson expressed appreciation to the Union for their willingness to work together as a team.

Further discussion ensued. Assistant Chief Klein reminded the group that this budget shell shows that we have successfully tightened the budget to fund our priorities of increasing staffing, stations, apparatus, and possibly giving raises according to the Board approved payscale.

5) Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – May 28, 2014

6) Adjournment

Clerk Bauer motioned to adjourn the session. Director Neilson seconded.
Workstudy Session adjourned at 10:40 AM.

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Approved _____

Date _____

Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr. Aleyna Lassen Sara Bauer Eric Neilson Brian Horch

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