



TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 25, 2022

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., by Mary Dahl. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll call of Board Members: Bill Kirkpatrick, Mike Connelly, Herb Wisdom, and Mary Dahl were present at Station No. 2. Pete Benequista attended telephonically. Also, in attendance at Station #2 were Chief Horvath, Deputy Chief Rivera, Deputy Chief Guerrero, Nancy Lindsey, Cristobal Mohinea, and Gabe Buldra. Members of the public in attendance were Rosa Ayala, Anna Cruz, Claudia Mohinea, Joaquin Mohinea, Roberto Ayala, Michael Pettypool, Sandy Johnson, Torry Johnson, and Don Robidoux. Brandy Ferrer of Pathfinder Strategies attended telephonically.
3. Badge Pinning: Cristobal Mohinea was pinned as a new FF/EMT for Tubac Fire District.
4. Convene the Budget Workshop: Mary Dahl opened the budget workshop.
5. Budget Workshop: Review and discuss budget goals and overview for FY 22/23: Board reviewed and discussed budget goals and overview for FY 22/23. Gabe Buldra explained that the proposed budget had been posted for the 20 days as required by state statues. Mike Pettypool, Sandy Johnson and Torry Johnson expressed their concerns regarding the increase in the tax rate and asked the Board to consider the economy, inflation, and the sizable amount of money currently in reserves when adopting the proposed budget. Mike Connelly and Pete Benquista both stated their opposition to the .20 increase in the tax rate to fund capital purchases. Mary Dahl stated her support for the capital tax rate increase to ensure that money will be available to help fund the capital purchase needs of the district.
6. Close the Budget Workshop: Mary Dahl closed the budget workshop.
7. Convene the regular session immediately following the Budget Workshop
8. Report from Board Members: None
9. Reading of public comments submitted via email: None
10. Call to the public: Mike Pettypool read a letter from Mindy Maddock addressing the plans for a new Station #1. Don Robidoux asked the Board to refrain from any additional spending and tax increases due to the current state of the economy.
11. Correspondence: None
12. Chair's Report: None

13. Chief and Staff Report: Chief Horvath, Deputy Chief Genaro Rivera and Deputy Chief Ben Guerrero provided the following to the Board:
 - An overview of the monthly staff report
 - Staff training
 - Prevention services
 - Wildland fire assignments
14. Monthly Financial Report for April 2022: Gabe Buldra presented the financial reports for the month of April 2022.
15. Consent Agenda: Mike Connelly requested a change to the spelling of meeting attendee Chris Ciruli to be corrected to Chuck Ciruli. With that change, Mike Connelly made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
16. Information only: Final report regarding the TFD Culture Study: Brandy Ferrer of Pathfinder Strategies explained to the Board that from December 2021 through April 2022 she worked with staff on a Culture Change process for the district. Brandy presented the report that outlined the purpose, the method, and the results of the process.
17. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Tubac Fire District FY 22/23 budget: Pete Benequista made a motion to adopt the FY 22/23 budget without the proposed \$0.1955 capital tax rate increase and Mike Connelly seconded the motion; Mary Dahl, Bill Kirkpatrick and Herb Wisdom were opposed, the motion did not pass 2:3. Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to adopt the proposed Tubac Fire District FY 22/23 budget as presented that includes the \$0.1955 capital tax rate and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; Mary Dahl was in favor, Pete Benequista and Mike Connelly were opposed, the motion passed 3:2.
18. Discussion and possible action regarding acquisition of land for new Station #1. The Board might convene into Executive Session regarding this item in accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7) (allowing executive session for discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the District in order to consider the District's position and instruct its representative regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property) and/or A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) (allowing executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the District's attorney). Any action by the board will be taken in the public session: Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to convene to executive session at 3:05 p.m. and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
19. Discussion and possible action on Chief Horvath's annual performance evaluation. The Board might convene into Executive Session regarding this item as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) (allowing an executive session for the purpose of "discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a ...employee") and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) (allowing an executive session for the purpose of "discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body."): The Board convened executive session. No action was taken.
20. Future Agenda Items: Employee recognitions
21. Next meeting: June 29, 2022
22. Adjourn meeting: Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.