



# TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 11, 2023

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: Pete Benequista, Mary Dahl, Sandy Johnson, and Herb Wisdom were present at Station #2. Also, in attendance at Station #2 were Chief Horvath, Deputy Chief Rivera Deputy Chief Guerrero, Captain Martin Lujan, and Nancy Lindsey. Members of the public in attendance were Mindy Maddock, Don Robidoux, Torry Johnson, Mike Pettypool, Dean Hahn-Carlson, Lee Blackwell, Rich Bohman, Carole Benequista, Kathi and Ron Campana, Michael Capin, Katherine Clancy, Chuck Galloway, Robert Clancy, Kathy Cathey, Sande Smith, and Angela Gervasi.
3. Report from Board Members: None
4. Call to the public: Mindy Maddock withdrew her letter of interest for the vacant Board Member position and stated her support for Rich Bohman to be appointed to the position. Lee Blackwell echoed Mindy's support for Rich Bohman. Kathi Campana asked the Board to seriously consider appointing representation from Rio Rico for the vacancy.
5. Presentation by candidates for the interim Board Member term: Dean Hahn-Carlson, a Rio Rico resident, described his experience in management, financial and engineering consultant and stated that his background would make him a good candidate for the vacant board seat. Rich Bohman, a Tubac resident, served in the U.S. Air Force and managed large-scale military budget for the federal government. He added that his many years as a housing contractor in the area will be valuable as the District and the Board work to establish a new fire station in Tubac.
6. Discussion and possible action to fill the balance of the unexpired term on the Board pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §48-803(B): Mary Dahl advocated for Dean Hahn-Carlson as she pointed out that he would bring more representation from Rio Rico explaining that most of the constituents in the Tubac Fire District are Rio Rico residents. Mary Dahl made a motion to appoint Dean Hahn-Carlson to fill the balance of the unexpired term on the Board; hearing no second, the motion did not pass. Pete Benequista made a motion to appoint Rich Bohman to the Board and Sandy Johnson seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
7. Swearing in Oath of Office for newly appointed Board Member: Rich Bohman was sworn in as the newly appointed Board Member.
8. Discussion and possible action to go into executive session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)1 for discussion regarding the Fire Chief's retirement and possible appointment of an interim fire chief: Pete Benquista made a motion to convene to executive session at 2:00 p.m. and Sandy Johnson seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of an interim fire chief: Rich Bohman made a motion to appoint Deputy Chief Ben Guerrero interim fire chief upon retirement of Chief Horvath on February 17, 2023, and Pete Benequista seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
10. Next meeting: January 25, 2023
11. Adjourn meeting: Pete Benequista made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 and Sandy Johnson seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.

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