



TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 27, 2021

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: Mary Dahl, Mike Connelly, Herb Wisdom, Bill Kirkpatrick, and Pete Benequista were present at Station No. 2. Also, in attendance at Station #2 were Chief Horvath, Deputy Chief Rivera, Deputy Chief Guerrero, Gabe Buldra, Ben Archer Clowes, Captain Martin Lujan, Charlie Alvarez, and Nancy Lindsey. District residents in attendance were Scott Woodhall, Terry Loftner, Earl Wilson, Karen Wilson, Paul and Sheryl Platt, Jim Manspeaker, Susan and Roberto Klosek, Virginia Leavitt, Cathy Angel, Anita White, Leon Angel, Jeanne and John Combo, Pam Lambert, Rose Tyler, Len Mylch, Marty Bronstein, Kent Doss, Joanna Corrigan, M. LaFargise, Candy Clancy, Dennis Eshleman, Teresa Potter, Paul Carpitella, Dave Strausbaugh, Bruce Bracker, Tom Jervay, Mike Bader, Bob Schultz, Mary Glen Hatcher, April Erickson, Gary Rusnidoff, Nan Fitzpatrick, Rich Kiker, and Tom Gervais. (***Spelling of some names may not be correct due to difficulty in translation***). In attendance telephonically was Attorney Sam Coppersmith.
3. Presentation: Pinning of newly hired Firefighter / EMT: Tabled for November meeting
4. Report from Board Members: None
5. Reading of public comments submitted via email: Nancy Lindsey read emails from Julie Arma, Michael Pettypool, Dr. Emilio Falco/ Jean Titalah, Mindy Maddock, Bob Ochoa, and Rich Bohman all regarding the plans for building a new Station #1.
6. Call to the public: District residents Earl Wilsom Pam Lambert, Marty Bronstein, Candy Clancy, Dennis Eshleman, Pau Carpitella, Dave Strausbaugh, Bruce Bracker, Tom Jervy, Mike Beher, April Erickson voiced their concerns about the building of a new Station No. 1 and the cost to residents of the District. Most acknowledged the need to improve the current Station No. 1 but feel disappointed in what they see as the board and fire chief rushing to make a decision on spending money that the taxpayers of the District will ultimately be responsible for without providing the community with transparency about the project and its funding model. The overall request from the residents was for the Board to hold off deciding behind closed doors in executive session for the first step in the process by approving the purchase of land. Tubac Fire District employee Charlie Alvarez spoke on behalf of his fellow firefighters in support of constructing a new Station No. 1.
7. Correspondence: Thank you notes received
8. Chair's Report: Mary Dahl provided a Covid-19 vaccination update

9. Chief and Staff Report: Chief Horvath gave the following updates:
 - No resources are currently out on wildland assignments.
 - Station #1 continues to be the busiest station with the most calls
10. Monthly Financial Report for September 2021: Gabe Buldra presented the financial reports for the month of September 2021.
11. Consent Agenda: Pete Benequista made a motion to approve the September 29, 2021, meeting minutes and financial reports and Mike Connelly seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
12. 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 fore legal advice with The District's attorney). Any Action by the board will be taken in the public session. Mike Connelly made a motion table item #12 until the January 2022 meeting and Pete Benequista seconded the motion; Herb Wisdom was in favor with Mary Dahl and Bill Kirkpatrick being opposed, the motion passed 3:2.
13. Future Agenda Items:
 - New hire badge pinning
14. Next meeting: November 17, 2021
15. Adjourn meeting: Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and Mike Connelly seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.