



TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS December 15, 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 and Pete Benequista were present at Station No. 2. Bill Kirkpatrick attended telephonically. Mike Connelly and Herb Wisdom were absent. Also, in attendance at Station #2 were Chief Horvath, Deputy Chief Rivera, Deputy Chief Guerrero, Nancy Lindsey, Bianca Hamric, and Gabe Buldra. Others in attendance were John Combo, Mike Pettypool, Don Robidoux, Jessy Fontes, Suzette Moreno, Olivia Ainza, Bill Lonigan, Pedro Mendoza, and Eileen Guerrero.
3. Special presentation from the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce: Olivia Ainza, Suzette Moreno and Jessy Fontes from the Nogales/ Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce presented Nancy Lindsey with a plaque designating her as Employee of the Year 2021.
4. Report from Board Members: Pete Benequista commended Mike Connelly for his presentation on Station 1 to the Santa Cruz Valley Citizen's Council.
5. Reading of public comments submitted via email: Nancy Lindsey read emails from Daniel Fontes and Mindy Maddock regarding the plans for a new Station #1.
6. Call to the public: District resident John Combo commented that he appreciated the two opposing views that were presented to the Santa Cruz Valley Citizen's Council.
7. Correspondence: None
8. Chair's Report: Mary Dahl expressed her wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
9. Chief and Staff Report: Chief Horvath provided the following to the Board:
 - An overview of the monthly staff report.
 - Dates for the AFDA conference in Tucson, January 20 & 21, 2022.
 - Update on the new ambulance which is being held up awaiting the air conditioner.
 - Deadline for grant application is December 17th. The district is requesting a \$565,000 grant to replace the district's 1997 type 1 engine.
 - She explained that 13 people attended the open house at Station 1 on December 9th and that the second open house would take place on Saturday, December 18th.
 - Update on Covid-19 cases explaining that 5 breakthrough cases have occurred with Tubac Fire staff.

10. Monthly Financial Report for November 2021: Gabe Buldra presented the financial reports for the month of November 2021.
11. Consent Agenda: Pete Benequista made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
12. Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of firefighter turnout gear: Deputy Chief Rivera explained that staff is requesting four sets of personal protective equipment in which two sets would be utilized for recent new hires and two to replace ones that are at the end of their 10-year service life. Pete Benequista made a motion to approve purchase of four (4) ensembles from United Fire at a not to exceed cost of \$12,446.32 and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
13. Open Meeting Law Refresher Training – Information presentation by legal counsel to the District about the Arizona Open Meeting Law (OML) and responsibilities of the District and of members of the District Board under the OML. No action is proposed: Item tabled
14. Future Agenda Items:
 - Purchase of property for Station #1
 - Presentation of audit for FYE21
15. Next meeting: January 19, 2022
16. Adjourn meeting: Pete Benequista made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.