



TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 29, 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, Pete Benequista, and Mary Dahl were present at Station No. 2. Also, in attendance at Station #2 were Deputy Chief Rivera, Deputy Chief Guerrero, Captain Hesly Guerrero, Nancy Lindsey, Ben Archer Clowes, and Gabe Buldra. Chief Horvath was absent. Members of the public in attendance were Gloria Guerrero, Ivonne Valenzuela, Mrs. Guerrero, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Kelly and Bill Lonigan, Bob Klosek, Terry Loftner, Michael Pettypool, Lorraine Rowden, Dennis Rowden, and Don Robidoux.
3. Badge Pinning: Eileen Guerrero and Reyver Fontes were pinned as a new Paramedics for Tubac Fire District.
4. Report from Board Members: Pete Benequista presented an informational photo gallery along with the background of several fire stations from his recent visit to Sarasota, FL, demonstrating that a 10,000 sq. ft. fire station with 100-year sustainability can be built on one-half an acre.
5. Reading of public comments submitted via email: Nancy Lindsey read emails submitted from Mindy Maddock and Rich Bohman in which they both expressed their concerns with agenda item #16, the purchase of land for a new Station #1.
6. Call to the public: Bill Lonigan, Bob Klosek, Mike Pettypool, and Don Robidoux voiced their concerns regarding the purchase of land for a new Station #1 and asked the Board to postpone any decisions regarding Station #1 until after the November elections.
7. Correspondence: None
8. Chair's Report: None
9. Chief and Staff Report: Deputy Chiefs' Genaro Rivera and Ben Guerrero and Captain Hesly Guerrero provided the following to the Board:
 - An overview of the monthly staff report
 - Staff training
 - Prevention services
 - Wildland fire assignments
10. Monthly Financial Report for May 2022: Gabe Buldra presented the financial reports for the month of May 2022.

11. Consent Agenda: Pete Benequista made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
12. Discussion and possible action to approve the Tubac Fire District PSPRS Pension Funding Policy: Gabe Buldra explained that approving the PSPRS Pension Funding Policy became an annual statutory requirement going back to 2018. Mike Connelly made a motion to approve the Tubac Fire District PSPRS Pension Funding Policy and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
13. Discussion and possible action to approve agreement with Simply Bits: Deputy Chief Rivera explained that the District utilizes Simply Bits for the phone services. The technology they use is VOIP which is a wireless station to station connection. The cost for this service is \$2,569 a month for a 36-month agreement. Pete Benequista made a motion to approve the 36-month quote from Simply Bits in the amount of \$2,569 per month for phone services and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
14. Discussion and possible action to approve station generator agreement with Empire Power Systems: Deputy Chief Rivera explained that the two-year quote for maintenance on the generators at all four stations includes full systems inspection, fuel oil service and load bank test two times per year at each station. The cost for the two-year agreement is \$13,400. Mike Connelly made a motion to approve the two-year agreement with Empire Power Systems in the amount of \$13,400 and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
15. Discussion only on Chief Horvath's annual performance evaluation: Mary Dahl explained that the Board would have to wait until Chief Horvath returns to complete its annual performance evaluation of her and encouraged those who had not yet submitted their evaluation forms to submit them to her as soon as possible.
1. Discussion and possible action regarding acquisition of land for new Station #1. The Board may 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 2:35 p.m. and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; Pete Benequista and Mary Dahl were in favor and Mike Connelly was opposed; the motion passed 4:1. The Board reconvened into regular session at 3:35 p.m. Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to authorize the Chief or her designated representative, in consultation with the Chair, to negotiate and execute a non-binding Letter of Intent for land acquisition for a site for new Station #1 and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; Mary Dahl was in favor; Pete Benequista and Mike Connelly were opposed; the motion passed 3:2.
16. Future Agenda Items: Employee recognitions
17. Next meeting: July 27, 2022
18. Adjourn meeting: Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.