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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 30, 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, Pete Benequista, and Bill Kirkpatrick were present at Station #2. Also, in attendance at Station #2 were Chief Horvath, Deputy Chief Rivera, Deputy Chief Ben Guerrero, Gabe Buldra, Ben Archer Clowes, Nancy Lindsey, Captain Martin Lujan, Freddy Figueroa, Reyver Fontes, and public members Antonio Gonzalez, Francisco Martinez, Danielle Confair, Jose Gonzalez, Yolanda Martinez, Rudy Romero Sr., Silvia Romero, Frances Romero, Tivo Romero, Lucy Slate, and Kevin Polanco.
3. Public Hearing on FY22 Budget: Gabe Buldra presented the budget amount for FY22. No comment from the public. Public hearing adjourned. Herb Wisdom made a motion to approve the FY22 Budget and Pete Benequista seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
4. Presentation: Pinning of newly Hired Firefighter/EMT; pinning of newly designated Paramedics; and recognition of retirements: Chief Horvath presented new FF/EMT Daniel Confair, paramedics Rudy Romero, Tim Slate, Uriel Gonzalez, and Jake Merry to be pinned and presented retirees Pedro Mendoza and Joe Fox with retirement plaques.
5. Report from Board Members: Herb Wisdom commented that he is proud of all employees receiving badges and of both retirees.
6. Reading of public comments submitted via email: None
7. Correspondence: Chief Horvath summarized a letter thanking crews for helping a patient during an emergency at our stations.
8. Chair's Report: Mary Dahl announced Ray Sayre would be retiring as of 06/30/2021.
9. Chief and Staff Report: Chief Horvath gave the following updates:
 - A. All wildland bills have been paid to date
 - B. There are 2 TFD teams out on fires currently
 - C. 4 billings still need to be done
 - D. TFD received PROP 207 funds
 - E. Units 1031-1032 both sold at auction, \$7,000 each
10. Monthly Financial Report for May 2021: Gabe Buldra presented the financial reports for the month of May 2021.

11. Consent Agenda: Pete Benquista stated what he said in the previous meeting regarding the Chief's evaluation process was not new information and should be removed from the meeting minutes. Pete Benequista made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of his comments from the May Board meeting and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
12. Discussion and possible action to adopt Tubac Fire District FY 21/22 budget: Gabe Buldra stated TFD has met statutory requirements for the Board to consider approval of the FY 21/22 budget. Non-tax levy revenues \$4,315,942 and tax rate \$2.85/bond rate \$0.5173. Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the FY21-22 budget and Herb seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
13. Discussion and possible action to approve Tubac Fire District PSPRS funding policy: Gabe Buldra presented the PSPRS funding policy and the 2018 requirement that all PSPRS agencies adopt a funding policy. Mike Connelly made a motion to approve the TFD PSPRS funding policy and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
14. Discussion and possible action to reappoint Local PSPRS Board Members: Chief Horvath stated that the local PSPRS Pension Board currently has 3 vacancies. Polls conducted at TFD indicate staff wants John Conger to continue as a member of the board. Mary Dahl asked Bill Kirkpatrick if he wished to continue as the Local PSPRS Board Chairman to which he replied he would. A post was made announcing the opening to the public for the third vacancy to which Chief Horvath commented that one person from the community has expressed interest in becoming a member. TFD Board Members and Chief Horvath discussed the responsibilities of a pension board member. Mike Connelly made a motion to approve the reappointment of Bill Kirkpatrick and John Conger to the Local PSPRS Board and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.
15. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a Ferno Powercot: Chief Horvath summarized the need for the Ferno Powercot and its functions. Herb Wisdom made a motion to authorize the purchase of the Ferno iNX power gurney and mount system in the amount not to exceed \$46,540.25 and Pete Benequista seconded the motion; all were in favor, motion passed.
16. Discussion on public attendance at meetings: Members of the Board discussed opening the Board Meetings to the public. Board members agreed to allow the public to join meetings in person and discussed the possibility of posting signs advising the public that if unvaccinated, they should wear a mask.
17. Future Agenda Items: None
18. Next meeting: July 28, 2021
19. Adjourn meeting: Herb Wisdom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.