

Minutes to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District

Monday, September 25, 2017

6 pm

Call to Order

Roll Call of Board Members - Present: Webber, Archibald. Telephone participation: Jenkins. Absent: Venos & Bahti.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of Aug 28, 2017 Motion to approve by Webber, seconded by Jenkins, motion carried.

Report from the Fire Chief – Chief De Wolf presented the monthly statistics for the fire district’s call load; updated the Board and community on the upcoming memorial service for George Wagoner, long-time friend, supporter and dispatcher for the district. A pot-luck memorial for George Wagoner is being held on Saturday, October 21st from 4-7 pm. Chief De Wolf advised the Board and community of the resignation of Board Chair Kevin Venos. Mr. Venos has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment. SEFD will be holding a fundraising event for Kevin to be scheduled at a later date. One of the station improvement projects we’ve been working on is pouring cement under the apron and moving the cleaning facilities; MCI (owned by Ted Walker) donated the cement work to us.

Call to the Public. – Yvette Ruhurek asked that the notice of the Board meeting be placed on the old engine’s marquee sign again.

Monthly financial reports and consideration of district financial matters pursuant to A.R.S.§48-807: The monthly reports were presented by V. Rutter; there were no issues. Motion to accept the report as presented was made by Webber, seconded by Jenkins, motion carried.

Review and Consideration of approving the repair or replacement of Battalion 830 1997 F-350: Chief De Wolf gave a brief synopsis of the proposals presented to the Board, Board Clerk Archibald asked for discussion; Board member Jenkins asked Chief that information would be presented to the public and asked that the following information from Chief De Wolf was included in the minutes: (Chief De Wolf)...our goal, as I said when I first started talking, the two new trucks 825 & 826, our objective is to get both of those trucks out on extended stay assignments. As the community can see, with one type-6 going on extended stay we’re making about \$128,000. So by adding the second truck to go out on extended stay, we’d like to see this number go up into the \$200,000 range. What this truck we’re talking about now, 830, is if we replace that we still have fire suppression capabilities within our district which is our main concern. We don’t want to send two vehicles out and only have one type-6 fire truck here in our district and put our district at risk.” Archibald had a question as well, what other vehicles do we need. Chief advised that this (830’s demise) had not been anticipated and that we do have a replacement schedule for the vehicles, all part of our strategic plan. Motion to approve Option 2 – proposed replacement of the “Battalion 830” made by Webber, seconded by Jenkins, motion carried.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Webber, seconded by Jenkins, motion carried.