

Sun Lakes Fire District Regular Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2011

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sun Lakes Fire District Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chair Sellers at 2:00 P.M. Board Members Price and Utter were present. Board Members Kohler and Crawford were absent. Others in attendance included Fire Chief Wilson, Battalion Chief Guerra, Finance Manager Elikan, Captains Kenyon, Bennett, Puchta, Helie and Dimerling, Firefighters Van Briesen, Johnson, Evans, Walker, Macias and Flynn, EMS Gonzales, Administrative Assistant Engel, and Members of the Public Jim Kaiser, Mrs. DeGraaf and Raymond Smith. The meeting was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Board Member Price.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Monthly Board Meeting

There were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Monthly Board Meeting, therefore, Board Chair Sellers declared them approved as circulated.

Unscheduled Public Appearances Call to the Public

There were none.

A. Recognition—Promotion of David DeGraaf to Fire Engineer.

Chief Wilson introduced FF DeGraaf as the newest Engineer. FF DeGraaf introduced his Mother attending the meeting. Chief Wilson reviewed FF DeGraaf's accomplishments with SLFD.

Chief Wilson then presented FF DeGraaf with his Engineer's Badge

B. Correspondence and/or Other Important Information Attached

Chief Wilson called the Board's attention to the letter sent to the Gila River Indian Community thanking them for the Grant Award for \$71,250.00 for a Wildland Firefighting Brush Truck.

Chief Wilson also noted that Mr. and Mrs. Geis met with him to express their appreciation for the response of the department to a medical emergency at their home recently. Mr. & Mrs. Geis particularly noted the presence of the CAP team was extremely helpful in relieving the stress of the situation.

Board Member Crawford joined the meeting at this point.

C. Reports

Fire Chief's Report for September 16, 2010 through October 15, 2011

The full text of the Fire Chief's Report is attached to the Board Agenda Package.

Chief Wilson presented the Fire Chief's Report.

1. News and Events.

Chief Wilson called the Boards attention to the upcoming Arizona Fire Districts Association (AFDA) Conference noting that there will be a number of taxation issues that will be discussed relating to upcoming legislation. John Flynn, AFDA Lobbyist has provided an update to Sun Lakes FD on legislation. One specific piece of legislation that has been proposed by the AFDA is that the current tax cap of \$3.25 be adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Chief Wilson stated that this was very important legislation and there was good indication that the legislation will be supported by the Arizona Tax Research Association.

There were no comments.

2. Operations Report – A, B & C Shifts & Emergency Medical Services

Fire Chief Wilson reported that SLFD had just completed the first Flu Shot Clinic of the year at Cottonwood Country Club. 300 shots were given out in 2 ½ hours. At this point there are only 300 more shots available for the 2nd clinic to be held on November 5, 2011 also at the Cottonwood Country Club.

Battalion Chief Guerra presented the remainder of the Chief's Report.

The annual protective gear and SCBA inspection and testing has been completed.

There were no comments.

3. Significant Emergency Incidents

There were no comments.

4. Chief Wilson represented the Fire District and met with the Individuals and Organizations noted:

This information is presented in the Chief's Report included with the Agenda package.

Financial Report.

The Financial Report was reviewed by Finance Manager Elikan.

Board Member Price asked what the expense titled “Other—Operations” represented. Finance Mgr. Elikan replied that this account covered primarily Board expenses for travel, lodging and meals at AFDA Conferences.

There were no other comments or questions.

Local 3560 Report.

Captain Kenyon presented the report.

Captain Kenyon on behalf of the whole Union presented the Board Members with pink shirts to be worn in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Union will be helping out with a golf tournament to be held November 2, 2011. Additionally, the Union will be doing a Highway Cleanup on Riggs Road some time in November. The date has not been finalized yet.

There were no comments.

D. Regular Agenda

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution CXVI (116) to Transfer Ambulance Revenues to the Operating Budget.

Finance Mgr. Elikan explained that this was a normal periodic transfer of Ambulance Income to the Operating Account and was in the amount of \$400,000.

Board Member Price moved the Approval of Resolution CXVI (116). The Motion was Seconded by Board Member Utter. There was no further discussion. The Motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

E. Scheduling of Meetings

January 12-14, 2012 AZ Fire Districts Conference.

January 31, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M. Monthly Board Meeting—Rescheduled.

All Board Members indicated that they would be attending the AFDA Conference and all agreed to the rescheduled date for the January Regular Board meeting.

F. Board Member Comments

There were no Board Member comments.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Board Chair Sellers declared the meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sellers
Board Chair
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