

Minutes to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
Monday, 24 Sept 2018
6 p.m.

Call to order

Roll Call – Bahti, Archibald present; Webber & Jenkins attending telephonically. Johnson arrived at approximately p.m.

Approval of the minutes – motion to approve the minutes by Archibald, seconded by Webber, motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report – Chief presented the monthly updates on the following items;

- **Run Report for month/year**
- **Fire Billing** - funds received and fires billed
- **Palominas & Sonoita IGA**
- **Palominas & Sonoita JPA**
- **Grants** – 1. Tubac, Rio Rico, Nogales Suburban & Sonoita are going to be working on a regional grant for radio/communications equipment; this will be a 10 % match. SEFD will be submitting a separate grant for extrication equipment; this will be a 5% match. These grants open today and close on the 28th of October.
- **Letter to the Sheriff** – You all know we've had dispatch problems in the past, we're going to address it as a group. The main issue is they dispatch law enforcement before EMS. If we want to change this we may have to put some skin in the game for them to up their dispatchers. They have 11 dispatchers to cover the sheriff dept., animal control, public works and five fire departments. Altogether, the fire departments are running about 3000 calls – that's a lot of dispatches for 11 people. SCCSO is only responsible for toning us out; that's why we have our own volunteer dispatchers. Every time we get a new fire chief in Santa Cruz County this becomes a hot topic. Tubac just got a new fire chief and they're used to a 911 System that gives you EMS and Fire Dispatching. It's kind of also a political thing. I wanted to make you aware of it, the letter did go out, and the Tubac Fire Board will be sending a letter out for our board to sign. Webber had concerns with the County not changing things and Chief spent a few moments explaining that SCC Supervisors don't have any say in this unless they would be willing to put finances behind it and that would mean raising taxes. Webber, I don't even see them (SCC Supervisors) in this dialog at all, the concern. Chief, that is why we are still using the same system as we did 20 years ago. Jenkins asked about our neighboring counties. Chief – both Pima County and Cochise County each have their own systems.
- **Engine 822** is now in New Mexico for warranty repairs, she should be back in about a month. With the fire season we had last year we didn't want to release it, so we are having it done right now.
- **Judge Barth approached me** – with the closing of the courthouse they need a place to house corrections program. He's asked if I would take it on. There's no cost to it; if the Board doesn't have any objection to it I would like to take it on. Judge Barth would still be involved, but they need a government entity to be the head of it. My name will be on the paperwork. There were no objections.
- **Electronic Reporting** - we will be moving to electronic reporting, we have purchased the computers for that. This week we purchased the program; Emergency Reporting. At the October meeting we'll do a demo for you.
- **November 2018 Board meeting** – I may not be at the November Board Meeting as my niece is having a baby. This will be the first child born in my family in 28 years. The BC will take that meeting if I am not here.

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- Last month we talked about our audit... so for next year our auditor will charge us \$8,200 and the year after, \$8,400. It's something you don't have to decide right now.

Bahti – let the record show that Board member Johnson joined us at the beginning of the Chief's Report.

Financials – Rutter presented the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement and the Cashflow Forecast to the Board. There were no unusual purchases this past month. There was a brief discussion regarding the PSPRS payment and the timing; it will show up in our audit because the billing for last year wasn't finalized by PSPRS until August of this year. Motion to approve financials as presented by Johnson, seconded by Sue Archibald, motion carried.

SEFD Overview – I submitted this for the agenda simply because last time we ended up talking about this last month. In our last minutes Sue Jenkins asked that if it was updated that it be redistributed. Bahti, I would like to suggest to have a special meeting to review the Overview, especially as we have two members attending telephonically. Webber – I agree, I like that Idea. Jenkins – I will not be available for a sit down until the 16th of October. After brief discussion it was agreed to hold a meeting on October Wednesday, October 17 at 9 a.m..

Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Archibald, seconded by Webber, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved on 22 October 2018 _____, Board Clerk
Sue Archibald