

Minutes to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
Tuesday, 26 May 2020
0900

DUE TO COVID-19 and only being able to have max of ten participants in a meeting attendance was limited. The Board made all reasonable efforts to accommodate everyone.

Call to Order

Roll Call of Board Members – Present: Johnson, Archibald, Webber & Dorney, Absent: Bahti. Also present were: Chief De Wolf, Rutter, Sink, Bennett, Goodwin and Prentice.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: only one member of the public arrived halfway through the meeting; no members of the public signed in to speak.

Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of April 27, 2020. – One sentence was added to the Chief's Report section then a motion was made by Archibald to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Dorney, motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Fire Chief

COVID-19 Restrictions – As the Governor has lifted the restrictions and changed them to recommendations, SEFD will be slowly transitioning to normal operations. The state has made no changes to the election process and insists that budget hearings are made available to everyone who would like to attend. June 1st, 2020 will mark the resumption of normal operations.

Response and service report – 48 incidents; 202 incidents from Jan 1 – April 30; 14 helicopters, ambulance transports 55

Radio Grant – new radios have arrived; a volunteer, Tony Leonardini, will be assisting us with programming all of the radios and installing them into vehicles.

Current community events – none in the near future

Rosemont mine – no change in their status

Palominas - Things are going well. Still waiting on the new engine; Like SEFD, we're working on the budget; we're also drafting a new IGA for 2021.

Department of Corrections: No changes here, it will be good to have them back.

Budget Schedule – Budget for posting; Governor has lifted the COVID 19 restrictions so next month we'll be back to our regular set-up.

GOHS Grant – no news yet (extrication equipment)

SAFER Grant – received our quarterly reimbursement

AFG – FEMA grant – for \$120,000 for new ambulance

555 Fitness Gym Equipment Grant – no news yet.

COVID 19 Pandemic Relief through CARES – we did receive \$4929.59 from the grant; they requested we apply for an additional amount to reflect the loss of income for March & April.

Blood Drive – The April Blood Drive was the most successful drive we've had at Sonoita, thanks to everyone who make it possible.

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CON Renewal – we've met our response times and received our CON renewal through to October 2023. There is an annual inspection of the 3 ambulances each year.

Fire Training – SEFD has begun sending crews with Engine 822 to the Palominas Burn Tower for training.

Life Net has bought the crews Tuesday lunches from both the Brothel and Café over the past 6 weeks.

Bleach Request – we had an outpouring of support in response to a Board member's request for bleach, we are well-supplied with bleach for the foreseeable future. We have received 12 gallons of bleach and 10 gallons of hand sanitizer.

Would like to thank Phil Burdine for all of the work he has done to dig a French drain for the washing machine & extractor. Use of the backhoe was donated by Empire Homes.

Emma Laird was nominated as EMS Provider of the Year by Banner UMC.

Karina Hilliard and Emma Laird were presented with Stork Pins for assisting with the birth of a child on a call last month.

Review and approval of monthly financial reports for Apr, 2020: Rutter presented the district's financial reports; there were no unusual items to report. Motion was made by Archibald to accept the financials as presented, seconded by Dorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action to adopt the HR policy changes: This was tabled to June to allow the Board members to review the changes.

Discussion / update on distribution of questionnaire: tabled to next month

Discussion and action to post draft 2020/2021 budget: Motion to accept the budget for publication was made by Archibald, seconded by Dorney; Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action to hire Human Resource Strategies: To aid in the review process and act as an independent facilitator. Archibald felt it was a timely decision and Webber agreed. The Clerk of the Board shall be the contact for the review process. Motion for same was made by Webber, seconded by Archibald, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Webber, seconded by Archibald, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved on 29 June 2020, _____, Board Clerk.
Reba Webber