

# SUNSIDES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Sunsides-Pearce Fire District Governing Board of Directors Special Meeting December 3, 2012

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Robert Fino.

II. **Roll Call:** Board Members present were:

Chairman Robert Fino  
Member Candace Roll  
Member Rebel Jones  
Member Roger Lance  
Member Cletus Frei

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

III. **New Business:**

A. **Election of Temporary Chairperson.** Mr. Fino advised the Board that he was advised by the Ombudsman's Office that the Meeting should proceed directly to the Election of Board Officers.

B. **Board Officers.** Mr. Fino explained that the Board would be voting for a Chairperson, Clerk and Treasurer. Upon the vote being finalized, those individuals would proceed with the meeting in that capacity. A call for nominations was had.

**Motion:** A Motion was had by Mr. Rebel Jones nominating Mr. Roger Lance for Chairperson. No other nominations were made for the Chairperson. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Cletus Frei. No further discussion was had. A vote was then had for Mr. Roger Lance holding the position as the Chairperson.

**Vote:** Mr. Roger Lance, Mr. Cletus Frei, Mr. Rebel Jones and Ms. Candace Roll voted in favor of the Motion. Mr. Robert Fino voted against the Motion. Motion Carried. Mr. Roger Lance will hold the position of Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Fino stepped down as Chairperson and Mr. Roger Lance immediately filled the position as instructed by the Ombudsman's Office.

Mr. Lance requested nominations for the position of Clerk of the Board.

**Motion:** Mr. Cletus Frei made a Motion to nominate Mr. Rebel Jones as Clerk of the Board. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Candace Roll. No further discussion was had. A vote was then had for Mr. Rebel Jones holding the position of Clerk.

**Vote:** Chairperson Lance, Mr. Cletus Frei, Mr. Rebel Jones and Ms. Candace Roll voted in favor of the Motion. Mr. Fino voted against the Motion. Motion Carried. Mr. Rebel Jones will hold the position of Clerk of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Lance then requested nominations for the position of Treasurer of the Board.

**Motion:** Mr. Lance made a Motion to nominate Mr. Cletus Frei as the Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Jones seconded the Motion. No further discussion was had. A vote was then had for Mr. Cletus Frei holding the position of Treasurer.

**Vote:** Mr. Lance, Mr. Jones and Mr. Frei voted in favor of the Motion. Mr. Fino and Ms. Roll voted against. Motion Carried. Mr. Frei will hold the position of Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

### **C. Date, Time and Location of Meetings.**

Chairperson Lance indicated that many meetings would be held during the month of December to handle the Board duties. A discussion was had on how the Agenda Item should be handled as to Items, Motions and Voting.

A discussion was had regarding the dates and times of the Meetings due to conflicting schedules.

**Motion:** Mr. Jones made a Motion to change the location of the future meetings to the Sunsites Community Center.

Mr. Frei commented that the dates and times could be changed based on the Board Members conflicting schedules. Mr. Fino indicated that the changes would have to conform to the County requirements and would like to continue the meetings on a regular date and time. Mr. Lance indicated that he would like to continue to have the meetings at the Community Center due to the space and the accommodations available to the public.

The discussion was then reverted back to the Motion made by Mr. Jones regarding having future meetings held at the Sunsites Community Center. Mr. Lance indicated that the Community Center's schedule was very full as to availability and that the meetings could only be held where there were vacancies. He also discussed the requirements of the County as to posting meeting dates, times and locations.

Mr. Lance indicated that not only would he like the meetings to be held not only at the Sunsites Community Center, but to be held at the Richland Fire Station to provide a convenience for the residents of Richland.

Mr. Fino commented that the meetings should be consistent and thought that the changes in the schedule and location would be confusing to the public.

Mr. Lance discussed that if the Agenda was available to the public at an earlier date than 24 hours prior to the meeting with the date, time and location of the Meeting, the public would be able to plan accordingly and know what topics would be addressed.

**Motion:** Mr. Frei made a Motion to have the Meetings held at the Sunsites Community Center at a regularly scheduled date and time as available by the Community Center. If the Community Center is not available on that date and time, then as an alternative, the Meeting would be held at the Fire Station in Richland. No one seconded the Motion and the discussion led to other matters

Further discussion was had regarding the accommodations of the Richland Fire Station such as heat, insulation, and handicap accessibility.

Further discussion was had regarding the Community Center's availability.

The discussion was once again reverted back to the Motion on the floor and having the meetings held at the Community Center.

**Motion Seconded:** Mr. Frei seconded the original Motion made by Mr. Jones regarding having the location of the Board Meetings held at the Sunsites Community Center.

A review was made of the Community Center's calendar to determine what dates were available for meetings. It was determined that the District's regular meeting set for December 18 would have to be rescheduled. The Board then discussed having the District's regularly scheduled meetings the second Tuesday of each month. Mr. Jones indicated that if the December 18 meeting was rescheduled for December 11, that it would give the Board a week to notify the County to comply with the Open Meeting Laws and allow for proper posting.

The discussion was reverted back to the Motion on the floor.

Mr. Lance commented that he was hoping for full board attendance at every meeting and inquired of Mr. Jones if the second Tuesday of each month would be commensurate with his schedule. Mr. Lance further commented that if he staggered the meeting schedule that it may be more likely to have full board attendance. Mr. Fino reiterated his opinion to have regularly scheduled meetings and that having staggered meetings would not guarantee full board attendance.

Mr. Jones inquired as how to have a meeting with full board attendance and meet with the County's requirements. Mr. Lance indicated that the Board could make up a calendar for the Members with the dates of the meetings. Mr. Lance went on to further discuss that he had comments from the community as to the meeting times. It was his opinion that 6 p.m. would work better for the community.

Mr. Fino advised that the Board should contact the County regarding changing the meeting dates and times if they are to be staggered. He further recommended that a tentative date and time be set for the December regular meeting and have the Clerk check with the County to see if it is in compliance with the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Ombudsman's Office requirements

**Withdrawal of Seconding a Motion.** Mr. Frei withdrew his second to Mr. Jones Motion regarding changing the regularly scheduled meeting from December 18 to December 11. In addition, Mr. Jones withdrew his Motion.

**Motion:** Mr. Frei made a Motion to have the regularly scheduled December 18 Meeting changed to December 13, 2012 at 6 p.m. Mr. Fino discussed contacting the County as to the change in the date, time and location of the regular meeting. Mr. Frei didn't think that it was necessary.

Mr. Fino requested Order.

Mr. Jones seconded the Motion.

Mr. Lance indicated that a Special Meeting needed to be held on December 6 for the Board to address pressing matters. Mr. Lance indicated that were matters that were criminally serious. He further indicated that the Board had several matters they needed to get started on.

The discussion was reverted back to the Motion on the floor for the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on December 13, 2012 at 6 p.m. A vote was then had.

**Vote:** All Board Members voted in favor of the Motion. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** Mr. Frei made a Motion to have a Special Meeting to be held on December 6, 2012 at 5 p.m. Ms. Roll seconded the Motion. Further discussion was had. A vote was then had.

**Vote:** All Members voted in favor of the Motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Fino brought up that an explanation had to be made for the omission of Item A on the Agenda regarding the Election of a Temporary Chairperson. Mr. Fino wanted it on the record so as not to violate Open Meeting Law that Item A was not discussed because he went directly to Item B on the Agenda.

Mr. Fino also requested that the Public abstain from making comments during the meeting.

**IV. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Schultz