



# SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Governing Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2012

I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Fino. There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

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

Robert Fino  
Candace Roll  
Tim Heine  
Rebel Jones  
Bill McCarter

III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Fire Chief Paul Petersen led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. **Consent Agenda and**

V. **Approval of Minutes** - A discussion was had and it was determined that the Minutes of the July 25 Special Meeting and the August 21 Regular Meeting would be voted upon separately.

Candace Roll made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, Tim Heine seconded the Motion. Discussion followed. Vote for approval of the August 21, 2012 Meeting: Ms. Roll, Mr. Heine and Mr. Fino in favor. Opposed: Mr. Jones. Mr. McCarter abstained from voting as he was not present for the Meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Roll made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2012 Special Board Meeting, Mr. Fino seconded the Motion. Discussion followed. Vote for approval of the July 25, 2012 Special Board Meeting Minutes: Ms. Roll, Mr. McCarter and Mr. Fino all in favor. Opposed: Mr. Jones. Mr. Heine abstained from voting as he was not present for the Meeting. Motion carried.

V. **Call to the Public:**

Mr. Roger Lance provided the Board Members with a handout from the AFDA Handbook and spoke regarding the Elected Official's Responsibilities and the proposed fire academy.

Cletus Frei spoke regarding his concerns regarding the annexation proposal and the proposed fire academy. He also spoke regarding the ISO rating and insurance rates. He inquired as to the rates for ambulance service and expressed his complaints about the performance of the Board.

Louise Lance spoke regarding her concerns that no investigations were done after a series of events had occurred within the District. She also expressed her concerns regarding physicals and frequency sharing. She indicated she had forwarded her concerns to the State.

Ellen Clugston asked if the fire hydrants worked and expressed her concerns objecting to the proposed fire academy

Alice Haertsch inquired as to the following: the ambulance rates, who determines if a patient is to be airlifted, can an individual refuse services and what the cost was to be airlifted to Tucson.

Nancy Ford expressed her opinion on excessive fire district taxes.

Russ Farney inquired as to what equipment was located at the Richland station.

## **VI. Reports**

A. Fire Chief's Report was presented by Chief Paul Petersen. Discussion followed.

B. Financial Reports were presented by Jill Schultz. Discussion followed.

## **VII. Old Business**

**A. Fire Academy.** An extensive discussion was had regarding the District beginning and running a Fire Fighter Training Academy proposed to begin on January 3, 2013. The Chief provided the Board information regarding the associated costs, personnel, and required materials involved with running the Academy. The Chief explained that the Academy would be a Certificate Program from the State of Arizona and would offer college credit for \$500. The Academy would provide training in Hazmat, Firefighter I and II, and Wildland.

The Board inquired as to the number of students who were currently interested in addition to insurance questions and cost outlay.

Mr. Heine made a Motion to table the Agenda Item until next month for further discussion. Mr. Heine also requested that the Chief put a list of positives together as well as a concise calendar for next month's meeting. Mr. Heine also requested of the public to express their concerns and negativities in writing to the District at least a week to ten days prior to the next Regular Board Meeting, being October 16, 2012. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and a vote was had. All Board Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **VIII. New Business**

No new Business

IX. **Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schultz