



# SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

SERVING RESIDENTS OF THE SUNSITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT,  
AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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## Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Special Meeting April 7, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Thomas Whiteman.
2. **Roll Call**
  - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Chairperson Tom Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed were present, Board Member Albert Koester, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score attended telephonically. Chairperson Whiteman acknowledged that a quorum was met.
  - B. **Board Members Absent** - No Board Member was absent.
  - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** - No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** - Fire Chief Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** - Staff was present.
5. **New Business**
  - A. **Review, discuss and possible action regarding the appointment of an Interim Fire Chief.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to appoint Captain Allen Hershey as Interim Fire Chief effective April 15, 2020. Board Member Koester seconded the motion. Captain Hershey accepted the appointment.  
Vote:  
In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score.  
Opposed - none  
Motion carried
  - B. **Review, discuss and possible action regarding the PTO payout for exiting Fire Chief Josh Steinberg.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to pay Josh Steinberg's 387 hours of PTO through standard payroll until the \$10,789.56 has been paid out. Board Member Score seconded the motion.  
Vote:  
In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score.  
Abstained - Board Member Albert Koester  
Opposed - none  
Motion carried

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**6. Requests from board members for future agenda items.**

- A.** Board Member Koester would like an agenda item on the law in regard to hiring a Fire Chief.
- B.** Board Chair Whiteman would like an agenda item to accept Interim Fire Chief Allen Hershey's contract.

**7. Adjournment.**

Board Clerk Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16p.m. Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Albert Koester, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Ralph Score.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Allen