



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Regular Meeting June 16, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Tom Whiteman.
2. **Roll Call**
 - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Chairperson Tom Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins were present. Chairperson Whiteman acknowledged that a quorum was met.
 - B. **Board Members Absent** – Board Member Albert Koester and Board Member Ralph Score were absent.
 - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** – No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – Interim Fire Chief Allen Hershey led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** – Interim Chief Hershey acknowledged several community members were present and thanked them for their interest in the Fire District.
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Acceptance of Bank Statements.**
 - B. **Approval of Minutes –**
 - i. **May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the Bank Statements and Minutes from the May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:
In favor –Chairperson Thomas Whiteman, Board Clerk Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins.
Opposed – none
Motion carried
6. **Call to Public** – Ms Joan Carlson and Ms Mary Schirmir had concerns and questions regarding the rumors being circulated about the financial difficulties arising from the Medicare revocation and how it could be affecting the Fire District and its service to the community.

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7. Financial Report

A Review, discuss, and possibly approve the financials for May 2020.

Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to approve the financial report for May 2020. Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**** Board Member Score arrived at 6:18 pm during the reading of the financial report.*

8. Fire Chief's Report - The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Interim Fire Chief Allen Hershey. (See the attached Fire Chief's Report.)

9. New Business

A. Review, discuss and possible action to adopt the FY 2020/2021 Budget. Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to adopt the FY 2020/2021 Budget. 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.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

B. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the \$3000 donation from Mr Clay Riggs and leave in the M&O account. Following discussion, Board Member Score moved to accept the \$3000 donation and leave it in the M&O account. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

C. Review, discuss and possible action regarding the FY 2020 Audit Proposal. Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to accept the FY 2020 audit proposal from Walker & Armstrong. Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

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- D. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the VFA Grant.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to accept the 50/50 VFA grant for the purchase of Wildland PPE with matching funds of up to \$3223 for a total order cost of up to \$6,446. 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.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- E. Review, discuss and possible action to set a time frame for the evaluation process of Interim Fire Chief.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to have a Special Meeting with Executive Session on July 28, 2020 for an evaluation and resume review of Interim Fire Chief Hershey. 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.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- F. Review, discuss and possible action to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Reserve Account to the M&O account for a partial payment to Enerspect.** Following discussion, Board Member Score moved to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Reserve account to the M&O account for a partial payment to Enerspect. Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- 10. Requests from board members for future agenda items.** – Board Clerk Reed would like an agenda item to update the community on our Medicare situation and discuss any misconceptions by the community regarding the state of the Fire District.

- 11. Adjournment.** - Board Clerk Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Allen