



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District  
Regular Meeting  
May 23, 2023

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board Chair Laurin Richey.
2. **Roll Call**
  - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Joan Carlson and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins were present. Board Chair Richey acknowledged that a quorum was met.
  - B. **Board Members Absent** –Board Member John Holt was absent.
  - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** – No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – Fire Chief Garner led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** –David Sanders (by telephone).
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. **Acceptance of the April Bank Statements.**
  - B. **Approval of Minutes** –
    - i. **April 18, 2023 Budget Work Shop**
    - ii. **April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting**Following discussion, Board Member Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the April Bank Statements and Minutes from the April 18, 2023 Budget Work Shop and Regular Meeting. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:  
In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.  
Opposed – none  
Motion carried

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**6. Call to Public** – David Sanders addressed the Board regarding the surplus ambulance purchase.

**7. Financial Report**

**A Review, discuss, and possible approval of the financials for April 2023.**

Following discussion, Board Member Carlson moved to approve the financial report for April 2023. Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**8. Fire Chief's Report** – The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Chief Levi Garner.

**9. Possible Executive Session – Vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) Discussion, Evaluation, consideration and negotiation of Fire Chief Levi Garner's contract.** Board Clerk Reed moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(1). Board Member Carlson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**\*\*Regular Meeting was recessed at 6:46 p.m. and the room was cleared.**

**\*\*Room opened, and Regular Meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.**

**10. Old Business**

**A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding the lease/purchase options for replacing C30.**

Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to authorize the Chief to pursue Lease/Purchase options for a vehicle replacement not to exceed \$109,000. - Board Member Carlson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**11. New Business**

**A. Review, discuss and possible action to approve the FY24 Tentative Budget.**

Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to approve the FY24 Tentative Budget. Board Member Carlson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**B. Review, discuss and possible action regarding putting up “Today’s Fire Danger” signs.**

Following discussion, Board Clerk Reed moved to table the agenda item until Board Member Holt is present to discuss his idea. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**C. Review, discuss and possible action regarding Fire Chief’s Contract.** Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to approve a 2-year contract for Fire Chief Levi Garner. Board Member Carlson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

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

**A.** Tabled item from tonight

**B.** Fundraiser ideas

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**13. Adjournment.** - Board Member Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.  
Board Clerk Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed, Board Member  
Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Joan Carlson.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Allen

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