



SUNSIDES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Regular Meeting December 19, 2023

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board Chair Laurin Richey.
2. **Roll Call**
 - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins were present. Board Chair Richey acknowledged that a quorum was met.
 - B. **Board Members Absent** – Board Member Joan Carlson and Board Member John Holt were 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** –None present.
5. **Election of Officers**
 - A. **Board Chair** - Board Clerk Reed nominated Laurin Richey to retain the seat of Board Chair. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the nomination. Laurin Richey accepted the nomination.
Vote:
In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Clerk Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins
Opposed – none
Motion carried

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- B. Board Clerk** – Board Member Carlson-Watkins nominated Lillian Reed to retain the position of Clerk, Board Clerk Reed declined the nomination and in turn nominated Board Member Joan Carlson to take the position of Board Clerk. Board Chair Richey stated he spent time on the phone with Ms. Carlson explaining the position and responsibilities and stated she would accept the position if nominated. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion made by Board Clerk Reed.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

6. Consent Agenda

A. Acceptance of the November Bank Statements.

B. Approval of Minutes –

i. November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the November Bank Statements and Minutes from the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. Board Member Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

7. Call to Public – None

8. Financial Report

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

Following discussion, Board Member Reed moved to approve the financial report for November 2023. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

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

10. Old Business

A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding an update to the “Today’s Fire Danger” signs.

Chief Garner updated the Board with the news that Benson High School Wood Shop class would build the sign after the Christmas break. SPFD will supply the material and they would build it and possibly set it for us.

B. Review, discuss and possible action regarding an update to the community of Dragoon beginning the process to annex into our District.

Chief Garner updated the Board regarding the multiple stages of the process and will continue future updates in his Chief Reports and if there is anything that requires Board action/approval it will be placed back on the agenda.

11. New Business –

A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding housing a county repeater on our building. Following discussion, Board Member Reed moved to accept the idea of housing the repeater on our building. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

B. Review, discuss and possible action to approve an addition to policy 311.1 – Out of District Billing. Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to approve the addition of Extrication Equipment to the policy. Board Member Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

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- C. Review, discuss and possible action regarding the TRT trailer.** Following discussion, Board Member Reed moved to pursue trade in options and grant funding opportunities as well in order to purchase a larger scale trailer. She also asked that it be placed on the next agenda for the options to be discussed. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

12. Requests from board members for future agenda items. – None

- 13. Adjournment.** - Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Board Member Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Allen