

## MINUTES



### AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020  
Meeting Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

#### RECORDING ON

- 1) **Call To Order** Clerk Neilson called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

- 3) **Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

In attendance:

Chairman Castaneda, Jr (absent, excused)  
Vice-Chairman Bauer (absent, excused)  
Clerk Neilson  
Director Armendarez  
Director Haffner

Chief Delfs  
Assistant Chief Klein (absent, excused)  
Lorrie Palmquist (present by phone)  
Counsel Wencker (absent, excused)

- 4) **Recognition of Personnel** NONE

- 5) **Call To The Public** NONE

- 6) **Announcements, Current Events & Correspondence**

- Chief Delfs offered a reminder about the required statutory training required for Board members.

- 7) **Review, Discussion and possible Action regarding the following items for consent:**

*A consent agenda allows the Board to approve several items simultaneously without the need to file separate motions for each item. Items are usually believed to be non-controversial and do not require further explanation. Any Board Member may ask that an item be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.*

- **Minutes from the regular meeting held September 25, 2020**

Clerk Neilson motioned to approve the Minutes from the regular session held September 25, 2020.  
Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

- 8) **Chief's Report**

*The Fire Chief may update the Board on items of interest relating to but not limited to the following: Response times, vehicles, facilities, labor relations, personnel, finance, grants, communications and/or training. Alternatively, the Fire Chief may provide written comments in the Board Member's packets or by email. The Board Members may ask clarifying questions and they may direct the Chief to place items on future agendas for further discussion or action.*

The Chief highlighted the following items from his report:

- Written testing is scheduled next week for the new hires under the SAFER Grant. Due to the fact that the prerequisite training academy was prematurely ended because of COVID, we may have to extend the application period in order to obtain enough qualified applicants. Generally, there would be a cost-share portion of employee related expenditures under the SAFER Grant. However, Chief Klein applied for and successfully obtained a waiver for our cost-share.
- We will begin issuing burn permits again November 1.

- 9) Review, Discussion and possible Action to approve the September 2020 Financial Reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the *Certificate of Review*.

Clerk Neilson motioned to approve the September 2020 financial reports and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Certificate of Review. Director Haffner seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*

- 10) Review, Discussion and possible Action to consider and approve the ALS Base Hospital Affiliation Agreement between SMSJ Tucson Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, doing business as St. Mary's Hospital and Avra Valley Fire District.

Chief Delfs commented that our District Counsel reviewed the suggested changes and also made several changes to the agreement. The Hospital has reviewed and accepted the suggested changes. Clerk Neilson motioned to approve the ALS Base Hospital Affiliation Agreement between SMSJ Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, doing business as St. Mary's Hospital and Avra Valley Fire District. Director Armendarez seconded. *Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.*


- 11) Reports of Board Members and Staff      NONE

- 12) Future Agenda Items

- 13) Date of Next Board Meeting      TBA

- 14) Adjournment

Clerk Neilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Armendarez seconded.  
*Motion carried unanimously, 3:0.* Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.  
Recording Off.

  
SIGNED

11-19-2020  
DATE

#### Board Members

Luis Castaneda, Jr.    Sara Bauer    Eric Neilson    Thomas Armendarez    James Haffner

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