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Governing Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2014

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE AND MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE AND MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BEGAN AT 5:30 P.M.

- A. Board Chairman Todd House called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Fox.
- C. Roll Call showed Board Chairman Todd House, Board Director Barbara Cobb, Board Director Jeff Cross, and Board Director Charlie Fox as present. Board Clerk Linda Shank was absent.

Senior Leadership in attendance: Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois, Assistant Chief Jerome Schirmer, Assistant Chief Dave Montgomery, Assistant Chief Mike Farber, Finance Manager Roger Wood, and Executive Assistant acting as Board Secretary Jasmin Jones were also present for the meeting. Legal Counsel Donna Aversa was absent.

Item 1: *Review and approval of the June 2014 financial reports and bank reconciliations. (BOD #2014-07-01)*

Chairman House asked the Board of Directors (BOD) to review the financials which were provided in hard copy at the board meeting, emailed to the BOD earlier in the day, and posted on our District's website.

Motion by Director Cross to approve the June 2014 financial reports and bank reconciliations. Seconded by Director Fox.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays (Clerk Shank Absent). Motion passed.

Item 2: *Recognition of employee performance and/or achievements. (BOD #2014-07-02)*

- Captain Amy Brooks – 21 Years
- Battalion Chief Brett Broman – 19 Years
- Captain Brian Wyatt – 18 Years
- Captain Brian White – 18 Years
- Firefighter Steve Gereg – 18 Years
- Captain Brian Logsdon – 18 Years
- Engineer Andrew Colby – 18 Years
- Firefighter Jeff Ehrlich – 14 Years
- Captain Joe Garcia – 14 Years
- Multi-Media Specialist Dan McKinney – 13 Years
- Captain Mark Castaneda – 13 Years

June Service Award (presented in July):

Engineer Mike Wolfe received a 20 Year Plaque presented by Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois.

July Milestone Awards:

Engineer Mark Blackstone and newly Retired Battalion Safety Officer Mike Gregorie received a 30 Year Bugle presented by Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois.

Special Recognition:

Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois presented newly appointed Fire Captain Geof Shively his new helmet and badge. As tradition holds his wife Katy was present to pin his new Captain's Badge for him.

Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois presented newly appointed Fire Engineer Brandon Blessum his new badge. As tradition holds, his wife Katy was present to pin his new Engineer Badge for him.

Retired Battalion Safety Officer Mike Gregorie received special recognition for his 30 Years of Service with our District including a video presentation, SFMD plaque and an axe. Mr. Gregorie also served over 20 years as an AJPD SWAT Medic, AJPD presented a plaque as well.

Item 3: *Call to the Public.* None

Item 4: *Consideration and possible approval of all consent agenda items as listed below:*
(BOD #2014-07-03)

- a. Board Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2014.
- b. Approval of the revisions of the Procurement and Disposition Policies.
- c. Approval of Kathy Steadman of Coppersmith Brockelman PLC engagement letter.

Motion by Director Fox to approve the consent agenda items for July 1, 2014. Seconded by Director Cobb.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays (Clerk Shank Absent). Motion passed

Item 5: *Public Hearing in accordance with A.R.S. §48-805.A.2 in order to hear taxpayer's comments on the proposed Superstition Fire and Medical District revenue and expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. (BOD #2014-07-04)*

Chairman House opened the public hearing and stated that this is required by statute, any member of the public could address the Board of Directors regarding Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget. Chairman House asked if anyone would like to speak, he asked three times; no one addressed the BOD. Chairman House then closed the public hearing.

Item 6: *Discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget and potential adoption of Resolution 2014-03: Budget Adoption. (BOD #2014-07-05).*

Finance Manager Roger Wood briefly recapped the direction the BOD gave to Staff at the May 21, 2014 board meeting when the tentative budget and Resolution 2014-01 were adopted. At the May meeting Staff proposed a \$3.05 tax rate, however, the BOD voted for the tax rate to be set at \$3.19 in order to put money towards saving for future capital purchases.

Director Cross commended Roger and the entire Staff for putting together such a great budget this year, the process was streamlined and easy for the BOD to understand.

Director Fox stated that he is extremely happy with our District and the direction we are going. He has a firm belief that when and if a tax rate has to be raised it has to be for the right reasons. The tax rate being set at \$3.19 is fiscally responsible for the future planning of our District, we need to continue to be the best fire District in Arizona and have equipment and training for our personnel to assist our citizens.

Director Cobb stated that our District is "*Grass Roots Government*". She appreciates that our budget is transparent for all of our citizens to see on our website, they can see where their tax dollars are being spent and that our District provides a valued service.

Chairman House stated he was not able to attend the May 21, 2014 BOD meeting when the tax rate was unanimously voted in at \$3.19. He felt that we could have completed a comprehensive budget at the \$3.05 tax rate. He understands the BOD suggested the \$3.19 tax rate to save for future capital purchases, however, he would have voted against that rate.

Motion by Director Cross to adopt Resolution 2014-03: Budget Adoption, fully adopting the estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures by the Superstition Fire and Medical District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$20,615,453.76 and declaring that such shall establish the budget of the Superstition Fire and Medical District for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Seconded by Director Fox.

Vote 3 ayes, 1 nay (Chairman House). (Clerk Shank Absent). Motion passed.

Item 7: *Announcements (BOD# 2014-07-n/a)*

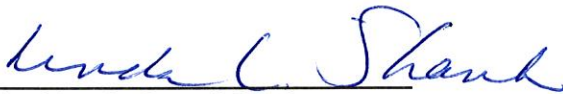
Chairman House announced that he attended the Sunlife Family Health Center ribbon cutting ceremony. Sunlife provides health care for the underprivileged including free care for homeless citizens in our community.

Item 8: *Adjourn (BOD# 2014-07-06)*

Motion by Director Cross at 6:04 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Director Cobb.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays (Clerk Shank Absent). Motion passed.

Governing Board Approval:



Linda Shank, Board Clerk