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Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2020

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC VIA CONFERENCE CALL-IN AND BEGAN AT 5:30 PM.

A. Call to Order

Chairman House called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Mike Farber.

C. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were Chairman Todd House. Board Members Clerk Kathleen Chamberlain, Director Jeff Cross, Director Jason Moeller and Director Larry Strand attended via Conference call. Senior Leadership Team in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Farber, Assistant Chief Rick Ochs (by phone), Deputy Chief Jeff Cranmer and Board Secretary and HR Generalist Sherry Mueller attended.

1. Call to the Public. (BOD #2020-04-N/A)

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Board Meeting was a closed door meeting to the public. A notice was posted on our website, front door, Regional Training Center and Station 264 with our conference call number and pin code if anyone from the public wanted to call in and listen to the meeting. There was no call to the public over the conference phone.

2. Discussion and possible approval of the Agreement with SFMD and Big Fish Entertainment LLC (Producer) relating to their television series entitled "Live Rescue". (BOD #2020-04-01)

Fire Chief Mike Farber led the discussion on "Live Rescue" filming with our crews. This company has previously filmed with Mesa Fire crews. They would like to film our crews during this time of the COVID-19 virus. Chief Farber thought it would be a good opportunity to show our community what we're doing and let everyone know what it is like for our first responders. The filming would take place on Friday and Saturday, April 3rd & 4th, 2020 if approved by the Board. Our District attorney, Mr. Whittington, has already reviewed and revised the agreement.

Director Cross said he talked to some of the individuals that were filmed in Mesa and they didn't have any issues with the process. The film crews knew how to navigate on calls and to stay out of the way of the first responders.



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The film crews would film with Station 261-B until around 10:00 p.m. on both days and would not be spending the night at the Fire Stations.

SFMD will be able to view the filming and have the right to pull out any film segments that may not be appropriate to air to the public. There may be additional filming later on in the year and will include Station 263. Some of the things they would like to film are cars going over cliffs, wildland fires, rattlesnake removals and Technical Rescues for stranded or injured hikers in the Superstition Mountains.

This will not cost the District anything to have the film crews here. There is no promise of pay to SFMD.

Safety precautions will be in place to make sure the film crews are well and wearing proper personal protective gear.

The City of Apache Junction is not in favor of this filming and will not allow the AJPD to be filmed at any time.

The Public Information Officer for SFMD is Assistant Chief Rick Ochs.

Motion by Chairman House to approve the Agreement with SFMD and Big Fish Entertainment LLC (Producer) relating to their television series entitled "Live Rescue and approve the contract as presented.

Seconded by Director Cross.

Vote 4 ayes, 1 nay, **MOTION PASSED.**

Board Members who voted AYE:

Chairman House
Clerk Chamberlain
Director Cross
Director Moeller

Board Members who voted NAY:

Director Strand

3. Adjourn (BOD #2020-04-02)

Motion by Chairman House at 5:45 P.M. to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Director Moeller.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION PASSED.**

Governing Board Approval:

Board Clerk Kathleen Chamberlain

Sherry Mueller