

APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 18, 2014

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER: President Leary at 6:02 PM.
- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Director Tinsley
- 3.0 ROLL CALL:
Present: Director Jeffs, Director Tinsley, Director Earp, Vice President Hanson, President Leary
Absent: None
- 4.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:
 - .01 Introduction of New Employee – Danelle Fletcher. Fire Chief Hultquist called Danelle forward and announced to the Board that Danelle would be joining the Administrative Services team as the Part Time Fleet Services Clerk. The Fire Chief went on to add that hiring Danelle was part of the Fire District's efforts in succession planning. She will also train at the Headquarters front desk.
The Fire Chief gave a brief description of Danelle's work experience noting she has been a High Desert resident for over 23 years and currently resides in Apple Valley. Ms. Fletcher brings almost 30 years of clerical and administrative experience to the Fire District.
 - .02 Employee of the Quarter – First Quarter. Fire Chief Hultquist called Larry Soper forward to receive his award. Captain Soper was awarded the Employee of the Quarter Award for his consistent job performance at expert levels on emergency incidents. This included saving over 5.1 million dollars' worth of property in the previous quarter. While presenting the award, Chief Hultquist noted that Captain Soper is a highly valued Company Officer with high standards of excellence in everything he does including any assignment whether it is an emergency incident or an administrative task. The Fire Chief further expressed his appreciation on this standard of excellence for the over 30 years Captain Soper has served the Fire District.
- 5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- 6.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- 7.0 CONSENT AGENDA:
 - .01 Personnel Report for January 2014
 - .02 Operations Report for January 2014
 - .03 Fire and Life Safety Report for January 2014
 - .04 Community CPR & First Aid Training Report for January 2014
 - .05 Fleet Services Manager Report for January 2014
 - .06 Hazard Abatement Report for January 2014
 - .07 Fiscal Report for January 2014
 - .08 EMS Report for January 2014

M/S Earp/Tinsley to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.01 Minutes of Regular Meeting January 21, 2014. M/S Earp/Hanson to approve minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Board.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE: President Leary asked for comments on correspondence noting it was available for review in the binder.

10.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

.01 Information Only Items:

a) LAFCO Regular Special District Member: The Board decided by consensus not to bring forward any nominations for the LAFCO Special District Member seat. ASM Garrison advised that the next step in this process will be for the Board to vote on whomever LAFCO brings forward as seat candidates.

.02 Discussion Items: None

11.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

.01 Special Tax Update: Director Tinsley gave the Board an update on the progress of the Fire District special tax measure. He noted that individual Board members and the Fire Chief have talked to quite a few community members and community groups and the Fire District message has been well received. He explained that he had been advised by the civilian group working on the special tax measure of an acronym CSAVES (Citizens Supporting Apple Valley Emergency Services) for the group of citizens supporting the special tax measure.

Mr. Tinsley briefed that the argument in favor is in the final review stages. Director Earp added that several associations and groups have endorsed the Fire District's measure already. Fire Chief Hultquist briefed that he has a plan ready to involve the media with information about the measure once the Fire District has received a "letter" designation from the County Elections Office.

12.0 APPROVAL OF REPORTS: None

13.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

.01 Resolution 14-006: Resolution extending the filing deadline for written arguments regarding the special tax measure adopted by the Board in Resolution 14-003. Fire Chief Hultquist explained that this Resolution only changes the timeframe in terms of when the argument in favor is due to the County of San Bernardino Elections Office.
M/S Earp/Hanson to adopt Resolution 14-006. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

15.0 STAFF COMMENTS:

.01 Chief Hultquist:

- a. Remarked that he had attended the opening of Jersey Mike's restaurant.
- b. Noted Jersey Mike's is an establishment that does a lot of work in the community and that they have already hosted a fund raiser for Apple Valley Police Activities League.

- c. Announced that he has given his special tax information presentation to several groups in the community (Sun City, Town Council and CERT) and all have been extremely supportive and the message has been well received.
- d. Noted that the special tax FAQ's have been posted on the Fire District website.
- e. Announced that the Fire District will be participating in the Canned Food Drive supported by local Eldorado Broadcasters radio stations. The District's participation will be announced on the radio.

.02 Division Chief Parsons:

- a. Congratulated Captain Soper on his Employee of the Quarter award noting that he is an exceptional employee.

.03 Fleet Services Manager Ryan:

- a. Congratulated Captain Soper on his award adding that he is a lot of fun to work with and does a great job.

.04 EMS Manager Guarrera:

- a. Thanked Captain Soper for being a team player.

.05 Fire Marshal Nailon:

- a. Congratulated Captain Soper on his Employee of the Quarter award.

16.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:

.01 Director Jeffs:

- a. Congratulated Captain Soper on Employee of the Quarter award.
- b. Congratulated and welcomed Danelle Fletcher.
- c. Thanked Doug Qualls for all his work on the special tax measure adding that the committee has done a great job.

.02 Director Earp:

- a. Congratulated Captain Soper.
- b. Welcomed Danelle adding that she is joining a great family.

.03 Director Tinsley:

- a. Welcomed Danelle remarking that she will be a real help to John at the shop.
- b. Reiterated congratulations to Captain Soper.
- c. Thanked the Fire Chief for the tour of the District.
- d. Agreed with the Chief that it is great to have new businesses opening in the community.

.05 Vice President Hanson:

- a. Remarkd that it is nice to see Captain Soper recognized adding that he is proud that someone like Larry works for the Fire District.

.06 President Leary

- a. Echoed congratulations to Captain Soper for Employee of the Quarter award.
- b. Congratulated Danelle noting that he is looking forward to hearing great things from the shop.
- c. Thanked Director Tinsley, Director Earp and ASM Garrison for all their work on the special tax measure ballot language.

- d. Announced that he would like a structured approach to the special tax message and plan to educate and inform the community so that the District can make sure it's done its job to get the information to all of its constituency prior to the election.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION: None

18.0 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

19.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- .01 Continue discussion on how to educate the public on the special tax measure.
- .02 Board members would like the Fire Chief to present the special tax briefing that was given to the AV Town Council at the next Board meeting.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. M/S/P Earp/Hanson.

ATTEST:



ROSE MARIE GARRISON
Recording Secretary



DANIEL J. LEARY
President