

Minutes Tanque Verde Valley Fire District

The Tanque Verde Valley Fire District Governing Board met on Wednesday, March 18th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Board Room, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson, AZ 85749.

1. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

(NOTE – Battery dead on recorder, minutes taken at the meeting are transcribed from notes)

Present: Robert Jones, Board Treasurer
Roger Robinson, Board Chairman
Bruce Small, Clerk of the Board
Chief Glenn Pittenger, Representative for Rural/Metro
Karen Heider, Transcriber

Guests: Sandra Baker – candidate for the open Board position
Steven Ruetz - candidate for the open Board position
Nico Latini, and Allen DeKalb (RMFD members)

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of November 19th, 2014 meeting minutes

Bob Jones made motion, Roger Robinson 2nd the motion, approved 3 to 0

3. Old Business

A. Bob Jones verified completion of the Fire Hydrant Project and all related expenditures to his knowledge.

B. Bruce Small spoke on the need for identifying, developing, and maintaining a new website for the TVVFD. He asked the question, “Do we want a website?” Bruce Small and Roger Robinson both agreed that we should have a website. The question was asked, what do we currently pay for a website? Bob Jones didn’t know off hand. (Later found to be \$ 20.00 a month or \$216.00 per year for limited service that GoWeb had not been providing) Upon approval of the board, Roger Robinson asked Bruce Small to find a web site designer/web master to provide a greater degree of service than GoWeb Solutions had, and that he would terminate the service of GoWeb Solutions by the next meeting.

. New Business

4. Fire Chief’s Report

Total calls for Jan – Numbers for January unavailable at the time.

Total calls for Feb – 6 emergency 4 non-emergency

Upon request of the Chairman, it was noted that it appears a district emergency plan may be required to be on file with the AZ Library Commission, He inquired if Rural Metro has such a plan for the TVVFD. Chief Pettinger informed the board that RMFD does have an emergency plan in place for the Tanque Verde Valley area. He will inquire to see if it is specific to The Tanque Verde Valley Fire District, and if a copy can be made available for the next meeting.

5. Financial Report

Balance at the beginning of January	\$ 181,566.04
Ending balance	\$ 169,070.23
Balance at the beginning of February	\$ 169,070.23
Ending balance	\$ 173,074.00

It was noted that a check for \$ 9,974.01 was given to Roger Robinson which was taken to the Pima County Treasurer and deposited into the general fund.

6. Correspondence

An E-mail was received from Pima County, notifying the board that \$ 337,845.00 was the current allowable amount for the TVVFD for the 2015-2016 tax levy, and that the full limited cash value of TVVFD was \$ 116, 791,038.00 A budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year will need to be proposed and approved and submitted to Pima County before August 1st 2015. It was noted that the largest debt to the district, is the Rural Metro annual contract.

7. New Business

A. Bruce Small reported that the district map is done. Pima County MapGuide is the fastest way to access a copy of the map to see, and that it has been posted to include the newest annexation of Desert Willow subdivision.

B. Bruce Small said that several people had asked him about annexation. Bob Jones said that any residence can come in even if they are just one. But, if a subdivision wants to come in they would need 51% in agreement to come into TVVFD.

Sandra Baker said that she knows 20 residences of 49'ers who wish to join. She was informed that they had inquired before about annexation but failed to initiate the collection of the 51% of signatures required for annexation. Once TVVFD exceed \$500,000 in yearly budget, they will need five board members. Sandra Baker asked if more residences were covered, would more firefighters be granted. Only, after there would be a new contract drawn up with RMFD. Does map cover only Bareca property? Melpomene off of Conestoga there are 6-7 homes which are part of district as the 40-50 homes for Desert Willow Ranch will be included when they are built. No homes are currently built, it is

currently vacant land. Net assessed value of the annexation is currently \$248,642.00 per Pima County.

B. It was acknowledged by the board the receipt of Bob Jones' resignation. Roger Robinson presented Bob Jones with a plaque of appreciation for his 10 years of dedicated service on the TVVFD Board.

8. Call to the Public

No items. Next meeting set for Wednesday May, 20th 2015.

9. Request for future agenda items.

None

10. Interviews for Possible Appointment as a Member of the Board

First Candidate: Sandra Baker – She resides at 11353 E. Chuck Wagon Circle. She is the Mom of two, finishing her MBA, owns a tax business and resident of Bareca, past controller of an IT firm. Finance director for the Red Cross for 3 years. She wants to give back to the community. She is on the Bareca board as of December 2014, and is a member of 49'ers Country Club.

Second Candidate: Steven Ruetz - He resides at 11330 E Deadwood Circle. He is a Firefighter of 16 years and a Captain with The City of Tucson Fire Dept. Has a B.S. with Emory Riddle Aeronautical University. Has extensive training in firefighting and is a fire prevention inspector, and has varied training in firefighting and emergency services.

11. Executive Session for Consideration of Appointment as a Member to the Board

12. Board Reconvened and Voted on the Matter Before the Board

Steven Ruetz was elected as new member of the TVVFD Board with a 3-0 vote

13. Adjournment of the Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the March 18th, 2015 bi-monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, by a 3 to 0 vote. Roger Robinson made motion, Bruce Small seconded.

Roger Robinson, Board Chairman
Tanque Verde Valley Fire District

Bruce Small, Board Clerk
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