

Minutes Tanque Verde Valley Fire District

The Tanque Verde Valley Fire District Governing Board met on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Board Room, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson, AZ 85749.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Roll call and pledge of allegiance was said

Steven Ruetz was absent, he was working and unavailable for this meeting as a result of his work schedule.

2. Approval of July 15, 2015 meeting minutes

One correction was made to 4C – The date for the effective tax rate should be September 1st, not July 1st as noted. Bruce Small made motion to approve the minutes with correction, Roger Robinson 2nd the motion, approved 2 to 0.

3. Old Business

A. Update on any development in the annexation request by Windridge Loop HOA

There has been no contact from Windridge Loop HOA. If they should request annexation, Roger Robinson saw that Avra Valley's web site contains a lot of information on annexation and we could use the forms. RR has downloaded copies of the forms for future reference.

4. New Business

A. Update on the submission of the 2015-2016 TVVFD Budget Tax Rate

Roger Robinson turned the TVVFD budget into Pima County. RR then went on line and pulled up the submission to the Board by the Pima County Manager, Chuck Huckleberry. RR printed out one page which shows a breakdown on the different fire districts and their tax rate for 2015-2016 year. There is a marked difference in the percentage of change. The new tax rate shows a reduction of 57.30 %, the greatest reduction compared to other districts. RR hopes that they can accomplish a reduction again next year, and work for a balance in the future.

Bruce Small wrote an article about the reduced tax rate and has submitted it to the TVVFD website for publication.

5. Fire Chief's Report

	<u>Total calls</u>	<u>Emergency</u>	<u>Non-emergency</u>
July	4	2	2
August	3	1	2

Rural Metro met the call guidelines for all the calls during these 2 months.

A bill came in from PCWIN for radio maintenance. Roger Robinson questioned whether TVVFD pays for it or not. Glenn Pittenger went on to explain that they are charging for re-banding all radios, and it is taking place currently. There is a \$20 charge to touch each unit. System maintenance is being done by Motorola.

Glenn Pittenger discussed merger of Rural Metro with American Medical Response to be completed by about November 1st.

Contract renewal is automatic. Contract is up for renegotiation 5 years from the last time in 2008, currently in a 5 year contract from January 2013 – 2018. The contract can be terminated by either party with a one year notice. This contract negotiation will not be an issue until 2017.

6. Treasurer's Report

A. Report of monthly Pima County Treasurer's Report

July report – Start – 243,814.92	End – 244,569.96	Capital – 50,493.98
August report-Start -244,569.96	End - 194,665.46	Capital - 50,518.93

A warrant record was included with the financial report, who got checks and for how much for the months of July.

Payment of TVVFD bills are out of Pima County Treasurer's Office (aka Pima County Finance). Roger Robinson has worked with PC Finance to change some bills to pay on an annual basis. Membership subscriber fees and quarterly invoices will now be paid annually, and the amount paid for the last 3 quarters is \$1,485.00 and will be reflected on the August reconciliation.

7. Correspondence

A. E-Mail from AZFDA regarding purchase of lesson plans to meet AZ training laws

There is a training obligation of 6 hours for each board member, to be completed by November 1, 2015. Motion made by Roger Robinson to purchase the courses out of TVVFD funds. Bruce Small 2nd motion. Motion passed with a 2 to 0 vote.

Subjects to be purchased were Ethics and Fiduciary Responsibility (RR), Open Meeting Laws (BS) and Finance (SR) for a total cost of \$150.00.

B. E-Mail from Koty-Leavitt Insurance for completion of VFIS Insurance renewal questionnaire.

Roger Robinson filled out and returned the questionnaire. RR talked to Bob Jones about the questions and responses. Bruce Small asked if this policy would be renewed. Roger Robinson responded that the insurance company would advise what the new rate would be after their review of the questionnaire.

8. Request for future agenda items.

No items. Next meeting set for November 18th, 2015.

9. Call to the Public

No public present.

10. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the September 16, 2015 monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm, by a 2 to 0 vote. Bruce Small made motion, Roger Robinson seconded.

Roger Robinson, Board Chairman
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Bruce Small, Board Clerk
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