

## Minutes of the Tanque Verde Valley Fire District

The Tanque Verde Valley Fire District Governing Board  
met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm  
at the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, 8959 East Tanque Verde Road,  
Tucson, Arizona, 85749 in Conference Room A for a regular bi-monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Bruce Small, Board Chairman  
Steve Ruetz, Clerk of the Board  
Layne Lundeen, Treasurer  
Heath Evans, Rural Metro

The first order of business was the appointment of Steve and Layne to another term on the board, and their swearing in.

The minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Steve, second by Layne. The motion passed 3-0.

Steve presented the table of contents of the board handbook, listed by content and section, which removes the difficulty of page numbering. We are to review the table and comment on it.

Bruce reported on the 49ers annexation, which is moving along. We have reached agreement with the assessor on the legal description for the annexation, and they are proceeding with the valuations. The difficulty for us will be paying the Rural Metro fee for 49ers coverage between the effective date of annexation and when tax revenues begin in September 2018, a shortfall of about \$140,000. Some of that can be made up from available cash, but we are looking at a tax rate of 1.90 for the 2017-2018 year. The intention is to lower that to our previous 1.40 break even point for the 2018-2019 year.

Heath Evans presented the fire chief's report on response times. We have had no complaints.

Bruce reported on the board expenses and we had three payments to make: (1) \$948.00 to Harness Media for our website for the coming year, and it was noted they have been very responsive to our requests in the past year; (2) \$450.00 to our attorney, Tom Benavidez, for his advice on our board elections and our handbook; (3) \$36.81 to reimburse Bruce Small for the Grasshopper phone account for two months, and \$141.17 to reimburse Bruce for the cost of a new printer.

Bruce reported on our current finances – as of April we had \$179,689.37 in our account.

Heath presented the Rural Metro contract for the coming 2017-2018 year in the amount of \$263,803.40, which represents a small rate increase, the cost of covering recently

annexed lands, and a catch up cost for those annexations (covered, but not a part of the previous contract). Motion by Bruce to accept the contract. The motion passed 3-0. Heath pointed out that our rate is considerably below the rate used by other fire districts.

We've had no correspondence, and no members of the public were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Preliminary pending acceptance at the next meeting.

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Bruce Small, Board Chairman  
Tanque Verde Valley Fire District