



SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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AND NEIGHBORING COCHISE COUNTY

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District
Regular Meeting
March 27, 2018

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Clerk Tom Whiteman.
2. **Roll Call**
 - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** -, Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Albert Koester were present. Clerk Whiteman acknowledged that a quorum was met.
 - B. **Board Members Absent** – Chairperson Robert Fino and Board Member Ralph Score were absent.
 - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** - No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** - Fire Chief Josh Steinberg led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** – 4 Board Members from the Safford Rural Fire District were in attendance.
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Approval of Warrant Reports;**
 - B. **Approval of Expense Reports;**
 - C. **Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2018 Regular Meeting.**

Following discussion, Board Clerk Whiteman moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the Warrant Report, Expense Report, and Minutes of the February 27, 2018, Regular Meeting. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

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6. Call to Public – There were no public members requesting to speak. The 4 Members from the Safford Rural Fire District Governing Board introduced themselves and explained their reason for attending our meeting, as needing insight on how we do business and carry out operations, board meeting, etc.

7. Financial Report

A Review, discuss, and possibly approve the financials for February 2018.

Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to approve the financial report for February 2018. Board Member Koester seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

8. Fire Chief's Report - The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Fire Chief Josh Steinberg. (See the attached Fire Chief's Report.)

Board Member Ralph Score arrived and joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

9. Old Business –

A. Review, discuss and possible action to approve the USDA Lease/Purchase agreement for a new ambulance and brush truck. Following discussion, Board Clerk Whiteman moved to table the item at the recommendation of the Fire Chief, until more information regarding Lease/Purchase options are available. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- B. Review, discuss and possible action to approve the purchase of a Type I engine from the Tucson Fire Department.** Following discussion, Board Clerk Whiteman moved to table the item until the purchased price can be fully negotiated with Tucson Fire Department. Board Member Score seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

10. New Business

- A. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the West Coast Initiative Grant of \$15,000 and approve expenditures for the Farm Rescue Program.** Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to accept the \$15,000 Grant and approve the expenditures for the Farm Rescue Program. Board Clerk Whiteman seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- B. Review, discuss and possible action to approve the submission of the Gila River Grant.** Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins approved the submission of the Gila River Grant for up to \$150,000. Board Member Koester seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- C. Review, discuss and possible action to approve the submission of the Pasqua Yaqui Grant.** Following discussion, Board Member Score moved to approve the submission of the Pasqua Yaqui Grant for \$15,000. Board Clerk Whiteman seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

- D. Review, discuss and possible action to renew the Emergency Reporting program for another year at the fee of \$2176.00.** Following discussion, Board Member Score moved to approve the renewal of the online program for another year. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

11. Requests from board members for future agenda items.

- A.** Board Member Carlson-Watkins requested an agenda item to get an update on the progress of the Fireman's Ball.
- B.** Board Clerk Whiteman requested an Executive Session with our lawyer to discuss the Medicare issue.
- C.** Board Member Score requested an agenda item to discuss communication options other than hand held radios.

12. Adjournment.

Board Clerk Whiteman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Board Member Koester seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor - Board Clerk Tom Whiteman, Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins, Board Member Ralph Score and Board Member Albert Koester.

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Allen