



# SUNSTITES-PEARCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Sunsites-Pearce Fire District  
Regular Meeting  
August 20, 2024

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair Laurin Richey.
2. **Roll Call**
  - A. **Attendance and Confirmation of Quorum** - Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins were present. Board Chair Richey acknowledged that a quorum was met.
  - B. **Board Members Absent** –Board Clerk Joan Carlson was absent.
  - C. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest** – No Board Member declared a conflict of interest.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – Fire Chief Garner led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Guests** – None.
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. **Acceptance of the July Bank Statements.**
  - B. **Approval of Minutes** –
    - i. **July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Following discussion, Board Member Reed moved to approve the consent agenda which is comprised of the July Bank Statements and Minutes from the July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:  
In favor –Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins  
Opposed – none  
Motion carried
6. **Call to Public** – None

**7. Financial Report**

**A Review, discuss, and possible approval of the financials for July 2024.**

Following discussion, Board Member Holt moved to approve the financial report for July 2024. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**8. Fire Chief's Report** – The Fire Chief's Report was presented by Chief Levi Garner.

**9. Possible Executive Session - Vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) Discussion and/or revision of Chief Garner's contract.** Board Member Reed moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss/revise Chief Garner's contract. Board Member Carlson-Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins

Opposed – none

Motion carried

\*\*Regular meeting was recessed at 6:15 p.m. and the room was cleared.

\*\*Regular meeting resumed and called to order at 6:39 p.m.

**10. New Business –**

**A. Review, discuss and possible action regarding funding continuing education for Chief Garner.** Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to accept the addition of the draft edition of section 3.12 to the Chief's contract, regarding continuing education. Board Member Reed seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**B. Review and discuss the possible Board vacancy in December.**

This was a discussion only, no action was taken.

**C. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the Legacy Foundation**

**Responsive Grant.** Following discussion, Board Member Carlson-Watkins moved to accept the Legacy Foundation Responsive Grant of \$4,630, 100% funded, for the purchase of a Carbon Monoxide meter. Board Member Holt seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**D. Review, discuss and possible action to accept the AFG Grant.** Following discussion, Board Member Reed moved to accept the AFG Grant of \$222,240.95, with SPFD matching 5% (\$11,112.05), for the purchase of 22 SCBA units. Board Clerk Carlson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins

Opposed – none

Motion carried

**11. Requests from board members for future agenda items. – None**

**12. Adjournment.** - Board Clerk Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Board Member Holt seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor – Board Chair Laurin Richey, Board Member John Holt, Board Member Lillian Reed and Board Member Camme Carlson-Watkins

Opposed – none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Allen