

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: David Mann, Chairman

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: David Mann, Tim Wilmes, Phil LaBarbera, David VanderNaalt

Members Absent: Steve Arnold (absent with notice)

Staff: Chief Mark Burdick, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Schmitz, Office Manager Lisa Neubert, Payroll Specialist Liz Campos, USCFFA Vice President Adam Holliday, USCFFA Trustee David Musselman

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: The Committees of the Board discussed various matters within their areas of responsibility.

I. Legal and Insurance

- A.** The district currently contracts for fire chief services through an intergovernmental agreement with Buckeye Valley Fire District (BVFD). Chief Burdick is the fire chief of BVFD and is currently the Sun City Fire District's fire chief (SCFD) by means of the intergovernmental contract in place. Chief Burdick presented a draft of a new contract between the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority (AFMA) and SCFD for fire chief services that would be effective May 15, 2022, when Chief Burdick terminates as the BVFD fire chief and assumes the position of the AFMA fire chief. The current contract with BVFD would no longer be in effect as of May 15th when Chief Burdick is no longer employed by BVFD. The draft contract is for same amount (\$55,000) as the current contract with BVFD. The draft contract would be effective May 15, 2022, through June 30, 2023. It was noted that the contracted fees go to the entity (currently BVFD) and not as payment to Chief Burdick. The board has asked for a few revisions, time to review the document, and that SCFD's attorney also review the document. USCFFA members presented results from a recent member survey that show 90% of those who responded to the survey were in favor of keeping Chief Burdick as the contracted fire chief. This item will be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

II. Budget and Finance

- A.** No report.

III. Fire Department Operations

A. No report.

IV. Ambulance Operations

A. No report.

V. Grounds and Equipment

A. No report.

VI. Special Projects

A. There was discussion on engaging in a feasibility study of the district joining the Arizona Fire and Medical Authority joint powers authority. The cost of the study is approximately \$10,000 plus any associated fees assessed by the district's financial firm, James Vincent Group. The USCFFA presented survey results that approximately 90% of those who responded to the survey think a feasibility study should be done to see if joining the AFMA joint powers authority would be a positive move for the district. This item will be for consideration at the April 26, 2022, board meeting.

B. Discussion of Battalion Present and future, and reorganization considerations was tabled at this time.

VII. Executive Session

A. No executive session.

VIII. Adjournment

A. The meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m. (M: David VanderNaalt/S: Tim Wilmes; Ayes – David Mann, Tim Wilmes, Phil LaBarbera, David VanderNaalt. Nays – None)

FOR THE BOARD

Tim Wilmes

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Clerk of the Board
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