

**Minutes to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District  
Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6 p.m.**

**Meeting called to order** – meeting was recorded

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** – Tomlinson and Ruppel were absent. Izzo, Parker and Rutter were present. Also present were Chief DeWolf, BC Venos, and K. Goodwin.

**Approval of Minutes** – motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2010 made by Rutter, seconded by Parker, motion carried.

**Fire Chief's Report** – Chief DeWolf presented the board with information on the following topics:

- Budget schedule
- Posting and publishing of the budget
- Reminder of the board positions which were up for election
- Firefighter Class – going well and approaching mid-term exam
- Run Report for April 2010
- CON Status
- Met with San Rafael Valley Association to introduce ourselves as future ambulance service provider
- Discussion of PHI Air Ambulance Membership Program
- Legislative Report

**Treasurer's report** – all accounts are reconciled as of April 30, 2010. Tax receipts for Santa Cruz County were \$44,340 and for Pima County they were \$9,429.

**Correspondence** – None

**Rosemont Mine** –

**Chief DeWolf** - the Chamber of Commerce sent out an email asking members for their members to show their support – for or against – the mine; using this information the Chamber would then determine whether or not the Chamber would take a stand for or against the mine.

**Izzo** – (Clarification from Mr. Izzo – who advised that he is on the Chamber Board of Directors) Should the Chamber take a position on the Rosemont Mine and if yes, were they for or against the mine?

**DeWolf** – They are in our district boundaries; they have bought the Milroy Ranch and the Rosemont Junction Ranch. They are in the District.

**Izzo** – we won't have responsibility to respond to calls?

**Chief** – Do we now? No. Could we? Yes. The mine could ask us for a mutual aid agreement. I feel that the mine could ask us for a mutual aid agreement. I feel that the District should stay neutral on this.

**Parker** – what is the impact of the mine – good or bad – on the District?

**Chief** – We do not know, we need to keep our options open.

**Izzo** – my personal opinion is that we should notify the Chamber Board that we will not be taking a position on this issue.

**Chief** – If the Chamber takes a position against the mine, do we withdraw our membership; because that would mean that we are supporting their position.

**Izzo** – I would like to take this as two separate things. If the Chamber takes a position and you feel like we should withdraw at a later date. And yes, I'll make that a motion. Motion seconded by Rutter, motion carried.

**Chief's Contract –**

**Izzo** lead a discussion on the renewal dates of the Chief's contract and the scheduled evaluation that needed to be done prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year.

**Board discussion** centered around their general lack of preparation for the evaluation other than Rutter and the lack of full board presence. Board member agreed to table the agenda item until Monday, May 24, 2010, at 6 p.m., with the agenda specially posted to acknowledge an executive session.

**Audience Comments** – none

**Board Member Comments** – none

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Rutter, seconded by Parker, motion carried.