

Minutes to the Regular Meeting of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District Board of Directors
18 June 2012
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order – 6:00 P.M. meeting was recorded

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Ruppel, Bianchi, Pfitzenmaier and Tomlinson; Izzo absent (Izzo arrived about 5 minutes into the meeting.)

Approval of the minutes –

19 March 2012 Regular Meeting

16 April 2012 Regular Meeting

21 May 2012 Budget Hearing

Motion by Bianchi to approve all minutes, seconded by Pfitzenmaier, motion carried.

Old Business –

Fire Chief's Monthly Report – Because of the Budget Hearing we have two months of information that I will combine together. Chief DeWolf gave a report on the meetings/trainings the District has attended in the past two months. An update on the Septic System Installation was presented by BC Venos. Our Website – we had 500 hits in April and over 900 in May, we did create a new webpage for the Fire Board so I presume that helped to create the high numbers. Chief also presented the run report; we are lower than this time last year in wildland fires, but higher than last year in medical calls. Chief De Wolf presented information on four thank you letters we have received, followed by a reminder that the next few weeks fire potential would be very high. DeWolf did speak to the Rotary on the Ready, Set, Go! Program. De Wolf briefed the Board on the status of the two newly assigned vehicles; 827 & 820/822. SEFD did send a crew to the Gladiator Fire; the truck brought in about \$9,000 after paying our labor expenses. De Wolf reported on our financials and balance sheet; everything is in line for ending our fiscal year on income and expenses. He also talked about the latest fires around the state. It has been a fairly quiet fire season so far. Our fuels crew is doing well and we're working in Lyle Canyon. Budget 2012/13 – we're on track with our Budget Schedule, tonight is the adoption of our new budget; by Wednesday we'll have the budget to both the counties. The next big objective is the Election Schedule. We've already met the May objective by notifying the counties of the election. We have the resolution to vote on tonight. Our next biggest objective is the Call to Election to be published in the local papers. This is also on our website.

Pfitzenmaier – what is the current status on the newsletter?

De Wolf – It should be in your mailbox.

Pfitzenmaier – Will we see something else in the local papers about the upcoming election?

De Wolf – We will be publishing the Call to Election, we have to publish in both counties.

Correspondence – none

New Business –

Audit Committee Report – The Audit Committee met to review the engagement letter. The audit will be \$5,500 this year. They will be paid half of their fee after their field work and the other half will be paid when they produce the final report. The final report is due to us by September 15, 2012. So, based on all of that the Audit Committee recommends that we do sign the engagement letter. Motion to accept by Bianchi, seconded by Pfitzenmaier, motion carried.

Call to Election Resolution – Motion to accept resolution as presented by Ruppel, seconded by Tomlinson, motion carried, signed by Ron Izzo and Doug Ruppel.

Budget Adoption – Motion to adopt for fiscal year 2012-2013; the posted budget displaying revenues and expenditures of \$1,149,363. Seconded by Ruppel.

Bianchi – just for clarification chief, this is what was posted for the last few weeks?

DeWolf - This is what was posted and presented.

Pfitzenmaier – There has been considerable previous discussion. This is the end game.

Izzo – Call for the vote – all those in favor? Aye, no opposed. Motion carried.

Audience Comments – none

Board Comments – There was general discussion on who of the Board members would be around for the July meeting.

Motion for adjournment – Motion by Ruppel, seconded by Bianchi, motion carried.