

Minutes to the regular meeting of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District Board of Directors
Monday, 19 March 2012
6 p.m.

Call the meeting to order, meeting was recorded.

Roll Call –Bianchi, Izzo Ruppel, Tomlinson and Pfitzenmaier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes of February 27, 2011 – motion by Ruppel, second Bianchi; motion carried.

New Business –

Audit Report – Presented by Michael Beecher, in our report we issued an unqualified opinion, which means nothing in the financial statements we believe is misleading. You have complete accuracy in your financial statements. We issued three reports as part of our audit; 1. The audit on the financial statements, 2. Internal controls, and 3. A report that discusses the audit process and issues with management. In short there is nothing significant to share with the board.

This presentation was then followed by questions from individual Board members for clarification of the information presented, clarification of the audit process, the funding liability of PSPRS and clarification on the definition of accounting terminology used within the reports.

Chief's Report – Chief DeWolf addressed the Board on the following topics; Out & About (meetings and classes) Website usage, run report for February, new Type-3 Engine acquired from AZ State Forestry, Weather station installed at station in conjunction with the National Weather Service; an update on the Fuels Treatment Program, and introduction of the budget process schedule and assessed value depreciations. DeWolf also talked to the board about the fire at the Vet's office and listed the simultaneous calls for February. Shamrock Fire at the end of Lyle Canyon this past week, caused by electrical line failure.

Septic Update by BC Venos updated the Board about the septic system, requesting bids from local contractors and that the land contract had been forwarded to Ian Tomlinson of the Vera Earl Ranch for his signature.

Financials – the Balance Sheet and Financial Statements for the month of February were presented by the Chief. There were no surprises or unexpected expenses; the District is on target for income and expenses. Under fuel, we did get \$1158 back from the state, as a refund for excise tax, so we've applied that to fuels.

2012/13 Budget – Chief DeWolf presented slides concerning the current and previous year's assessed values, the Budget Schedule (dates), special meetings and Izzo proposed a meeting for the next week (March 23) to have a discussion on the budget strategy.

Treasurer's Comments – We finally got the bank to agree with our books. I examined further, I see nothing unusual. Everything seems to be fine.

Audience Comments – none

Board Member Comments – Bianchi – I am terribly disappointed at the lack of turnout tonight, after all the complaining and criticism and unnecessary comments that were made last year about the District, the record keeping and all of it and here we have the man come down from Phoenix to present the official audit report, which turned out to be an excellent audit report, I just wanted to say how disappointed that the public didn't bother to show up. But I'm sure we'll hear complaints from them in the future. That audit, if you haven't had a chance to read through the notes and comments, the Chief, as management, and Katie, his right hand person as far as financial statements are concerned, did an excellent job. There was only one reclassification entry and that was simply correcting

something that had been misclassified. That from a whole year of transactions, Chief, Katie, you did a good job, and the auditor pointed that out.

Pfitzenmaier – I'd like to, on the record, thank Terry for participating on the committee.

Izzo – The only comments I have is you know we sit here once a month and talk about good things the staff is doing, and I'm still concerned about the public getting that information. So I'm looking forward to the next newsletter. It really touches home compared to the Shamrock fire. We just need to get information out. The community knows all about the structure fire, not much is going out about the Shamrock fire. We just have to get that information out... I know it's hard to toot your own horn, but we just have to look at things with at different perspective. It's what you do this every day, but that's not what the taxpayer sees. I look forward to that in the next newsletter.

Adjournment – motion by Pfitzenmaier, seconded by Ruppel. Motion carried.