

**Minutes to the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
20 July 2009
6 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF FIRE BOARD MEMBERS – Izzo, Rutter, Parker, Tomlinson; Ruppel arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present were Chief DeWolf, BC Venos, Goodwin, Bianchi and Barnhill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2009 was made by Rutter, seconded by Parker. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Fire Chief's Report – Chief DeWolf presented the following information to the Board:

1. Run Report – DeWolf gave a report on the number and type of calls the District handled over the month of June.
2. OSHA complaint – DeWolf had met with the investigator from OSHA who reviewed our training records and talked with one of the firefighters on duty. As far as OSHA is concerned, there are no problems and the case is considered closed.
3. Water Company – We received a letter asking for a position on the creation of a water district. DeWolf went on to explain the situation and asked the Board if they would give him an opinion on what position he should take at this time. The Board suggested that he remain neutral and keep the board apprised as to the situation.
4. Proposition 13 – Dewolf informed the Board about a new proposition coming before the taxpayers. Proposition 13 would roll back property taxes to 2005 levels and include only 2% growth. There were no questions from the Board.
5. Senate Bill Passes – Governor Brewer signed a new bill into law which limits Fire Districts to an 8 % increase per year based on the 2008/09 Budget. We can bank any percentage we do not use each year. Since we did not raise our levy rate this year, we get 16% for our first year, not 8%.
6. CON – our hearing is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2009. Our attorney is trying to get the hearing date changed to August 8, 2009.
7. Rotary Grant – The Rotary received a grant from ADOT to put sidewalks in around the community. DeWolf gave the Board a report on the potential issues that could arise during the implementation phase of the grant.

Treasurer's Report –

1. Rutter presented the Board with a preliminary Financial Report and the preliminary Balance Sheet for FY2008/09. There were no questions of the Treasurer.

Correspondence – none

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jerry Bianchi, Sonoita. Cutses does not foresee a need to remain in business, so we have decided to dissolve the business. Bianchi presented the Board with a check with the request that the money go to improving the kitchen, kitchen appliances. Rutter thanked Cutses.

BOARD COMMENTS – Parker thanked Cutses for all their support of the Fire District.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by Ruppel, seconded by Rutter; Motion carried.