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**Minutes for the Regular meeting of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
Board of Directors**

July 21, 2008

Call to order – meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board members – Izzo, Rutter, Daniels, Ruppel, Parker all present

Also present were Matt Parilli, Jerry Bianchi, Chief DeWolf, and Kathy Goodwin.

Approval of Minutes –

Regular meeting of June 16, 2008 – Motion to approve with corrections by Daniels, seconded by Ruppel, motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Budget of June 20, 2008 – motion to approve by Daniels, seconded by Parker, motion carried.

Special Meeting of June 30, 2008 (Budget adoption) - the minutes were not received by the Board in time for review, item was tabled to next meeting.

Scheduled public appearances – none

Unscheduled public appearances – none

Reports and Correspondence

Fire Chief's Report - We had 34 calls in June, 19 day calls and 15 night calls; 7 building permits were issued for the first half of the calendar year and we are currently one call shy of equaling our mid-year call volume of last year. Presentation of three video clips from television news – two on the MCI Trailer Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and one on the BLM Burn. We are still receiving help from the EMS Community in support of the new trailer.

Daniels – What is the response area for that trailer and who has the responsibility of getting it to a scene?

DeWolf – It is dispatched by Tucson Med's and one of our volunteers would take the trailer where it needs to go; response area I-10, J-6, Nogales – or within a 50 mile radius.

Three new signs have been set up; one by the rest area, just north of the station and one down by SBBI. The first of the three letters I have given you is documentation on the petitions which were turned in (to dissolve the District). The two letters are two letters which have been written in support of the Fire District.

Izzo – The language on the initiative, that's pretty firm now?

DeWolf – That's exactly what it will say.

Chairperson's Report – none

Treasurer's Report – report had been sent by email to Board members, in the interests of time, Rutter asked if there were any questions on District finances. There were none.

Daniels – when you sent these out, you advised that there was an issue with Santa Cruz County, has that been resolved.

Rutter – Yes.

Correspondence –

Thank you card from Carol Hager on behalf of Busy Bees

Update on Lawsuit – Daniels – The Santa Cruz County attorney has filed a motion for “summary judgment” with the courts.

Update on Elections – Daniels – we've done everything to date that needs to be done to comply with state election laws. Deadline to submit candidate packets is August 6, 2008.

Discussion and possible action calendar

Authorization of new bank accounts - Rutter made a motion authorize the opening additional bank accounts at other institutions to spread out our funds to ensure the amounts are FDIC insured. Motioned seconded by Daniels, motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Human Resources Policy – Izzo – I'd like to entertain a motion for adoption of this policy so we can open it up for discussion. Motion made by Daniels, seconded by Rutter. Discussion began on this document, a living document which undergoes changes as the organization changes. There were conflicting arguments as to what exactly the Board's roll in the policies & procedures should be and in what the Board would be adopting. Ruppel made a motion that the Chief would take this draft of policies & procedures and separate the policy from the procedure, and then the board would adopt only the policy portion of that document. Rutter seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Additional input on the policy document will be given to the Chief.

Izzo – Chief, when might we expect it back?

DeWolf – At the next board meeting.

Audience comments – Matt Parilli – Do we now have a board approved budget that is available?
Rutter – Yes, it is approved. Yes, it is available, but I don't have a copy here with me at the moment.

Parilli – At the last meeting I had asked about the plans for this district. What are our plans going forward? Growth? Improvements? I was led to believe that it might discuss tonight, but it's not on the agenda. When might that be an agenda item?

Izzo – Are there any board members who would like to address that comment?

Ruppel – We have working documents from our SEESI days & we have plans for things like the ambulance service, but not an actual document.

Parilli – This community has no idea where this Board is taking this Fire District. That is not right.

Izzo – Chief, did you want to make any comments on that.

DeWolf – No.

Ruppel – We have gone to the community with our plans and needs over several years now. The fact that those things are not in a document can't be held against us.

Parilli – I challenge that. If there is a design, that needs to be a plan. The only thing I've seen is the document done by SEESI, nothing firm, solid on paper [by the board].

Daniels – 1. Changes within our district are predicated by the growth of the area, 2. When we get to specific things that's all a public process, so when we get plans, then the community will be made aware of the issues.

Parilli – I understand, but I don't agree that you can run a business like this without a public plan.

Board member comments - Daniels – Bob Barnhill has almost finalized his fundraising policy ideas and this will probably be on the agenda next month.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Ruppel, seconded by Daniels, motion carries.

Prepared by: Katie Goodwin, Admin. Asst.

Submitted by: Pete Daniels, Clerk

Approved at regular meeting on August 18, 2008

