

**Minutes to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
February 22, 2010
6 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Board Members present: Izzo, Parker, Rutter, Ruppel & Tomlinson. Also present were: Chief DeWolf, K. Goodwin, K. Venos, J. Bianchi, G. Soliere, P. & G. Wagoner, S. & G. Getzweiler.

Approval of the minutes of 25 January 2010: motion to approve by Ruppel, second by Parker,
Discussion: Rutter questioned the board as to the contents of the minutes, had they read the minutes as they were pretty much verbatim. After a bit of discussion, the board amended approving the minutes striking the words which will be provided by Rutter. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report – Chief DeWolf presented information on the following topics;

- The Budget Schedule
- General Election Information for Parker & Rutter
- Run report for January
- Legislation report – ACCHS Bill still in the house, most likely it will pass; Elected Chief/Secretary Bill is expected to pass; SB1253 for Dissolution of Fire Districts - Chief spoke before the Senate Finance Committee, the wording will mirror that of creating a fire district, looks like it will pass as well.
- Event Calendar
- Levy Limit – Chief presented the board with information on how our tax levy will be determined according to the new tax law.

Treasurer's Report – Ms Rutter reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Financials in detail as it had been some time since the full details had been presented verbally. There were no questions for Ms Rutter.

Correspondence – none

Action Items – none

Call to the public –

Gail Getzweiler – Sonoita – Did not understand that the tax Levy would go up and down. I guess that will be a shock to everybody when their taxes go up 150.00. You were talking about Pima having one rate and Santa Cruz having another rate. I think if there's going to be a tax levy it should be the same for both counties.

Gary Soliere – Sonoita – Mr. Soliere made a comment about the ADOT sign on highway 90. For taxes; I don't understand the tax increase. There is a recession; we've been a district for 3 years. I think it's moving too fast, too soon. Try to work something out without raising taxes.

Izzo – We do have a public hearing, required by law, June 21st, a prime opportunity to address the board on the budget. We haven't seen a budget, we are still trying to understand how all this works.

Board Comments – Izzo – our current agenda limits opportunity [for the public] to address us, I will put revising the public input process on the next agenda.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Ruppel, seconded by Parker. Motion carried.