

**Minutes to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District**

Monday, 18 December 2017

6p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call of Board Members

Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office for Chris Johnson: The Oath of Office was administered by S Archibald

Selection of Board officers (Chairperson and a Board Clerk) : Motion was made by Kurt Bahti to nominate Sue Archibald as Clerk of the Board for 2018, seconded by Suzanne Jenkins, motion carried unanimously. Motion by Reba Webber to nominate Kurt Bahta as Board Chair for 2018, motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of Nov 20, 27, 2017 and November 27: 2017: Motion to approve minutes from Nov. 20, 2017 made by Archibald, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously. Motion by Archibald to accept the minutes to the Nov 27, 2017 minutes, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Fire Chief – Chief reported on the monthly statistics for SEFD, call load and types of runs, simultaneous calls and events participated in; updated the Board on reimbursements for wildland fires; progress report on Palominas Fire District and the IGA; California fires & information on our crews, and the Community Pot Luck held by Judge Barth for the Corrections Personnel who help in our Community.

Call to the Public. -There were no participants.

Monthly financial reports and consideration of district financial matters: Presented by Rutter; there were no unusual events to report, we're collecting the first half of our taxes – we're right on track. Donations are up considerably. There was brief updates on PSPRS, Fuels Grant, and the new Vehicle to replace 830. Cash Flow Forecast (cash in and cash out on a monthly basis) was presented as well. Motion to accept the financial report by Jenkins, seconded by Archibald, motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan update and outline: S. Archibald requested an update on the process; Chief has been working with various segments of the operational members; He would recommend that we (SEFD) have a number of meetings throughout the community and in individual groups (school, rotary, business organizations). Jenkins would like to have the Board participate in these meetings. Bahti would prefer the whole board to be present at public meetings. Chief – we can post it, we'll just have to stay on topic and state that no decisions will be made at this meeting. The discussion ran on for several minutes, no formal decisions were made. There would be more discussion at the January meeting.

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Thank you gift cards for personnel: S. Archibald asked that this be on the agenda; Archibald would like to give back to the volunteers and staff for this incredible year that we've had, Archibald would like to make it a \$100 gift card. Three members of the audience asked to speak (Dave Bareiss, Marian Stoddard & Dave Hetrick): Dave was not in favor of the gift card; Marian asked about giving a gas stipend instead; Dave was in favor of the gift card. After a considerable amount of somewhat intense discussion, Archibald made a motion was to \$50 per gift card; seconded by Webber. Aye's: Archibald, Webber, Johnson, Bahti. Nay's: Jenkins. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Archibald, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved on January 22, 2018 _____ Clerk of the Board.

Sue Archibald

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Governing Board Meeting Agenda**