

Minutes to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
25 February 2019
9 a.m.

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – all board members were present

Call to the public: none

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 28 Jan 2019: motion by Johnson, seconded by Webber, motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief reported the monthly statistics to the Board, including fires, incident numbers, status of Fuels Mitigation Grant (on track to finish grant mid-May), updated on receipts of income from wildland billing (on hold due to government shutdowns), Palominas-SEFD IGA – Board would like to arrange a meet-n-greet, PFD has ordered an Engine similar to 822, and PFD Board would be taking a tour of the area that meets the International Boundary. Pump Testing for 821, 822, 828: WW Williams was down to do our annual pump testing, 821 and 822 passed with flying colors, 828 did not. We will be scheduling our tender for repairs, it will have to be done in Phoenix at their facility. DOC crew member – SEFD is working with the DOC and has one member posted at the fire house who will be doing minor construction and repairs to the station and grounds. FireWise Community Award - SEFD has worked with the community to achieve national recognition as a FireWise Community.

Financials: V. Rutter presented the latest information on the finances of the fire district, including the Balance Sheet, the Profit & Loss Statement and the Cash Flow Forecast. There were no unusual findings to report. At the time of posting SEFD had not received information from Santa Cruz County for taxes received for January 2019. This information was reported verbally at the meeting. There were no questions.

Discussion minimum wage increase, workers compensation increases and effect on FY19-20 Budget: BC Bennett presented a draft proposal of a wage increase to illustrate the effect on the district budget. There was a brief discussion as to how the single action of a proposed increase (to bring SEFD in line with state laws) would also affect taxes, insurance, worker's compensation insurance and retirement contributions.

Discussion on 2019 Levy Limit Worksheet – Chief De Wolf presented the Board with information on our current Combined Levy Limit Worksheet that SEFD receives from the PTOC (Property Tax Oversight Committee - as SEFD has taxes from more than one county, the PTOC reviews both counties' information and presents SEFD with the "official" documentation as to our Levy Limits). Chief answered a few questions regarding this form and presented a second document that showed the allowable & taken levies for the past nine years.

Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Dorney, seconded by Webber, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved on March 25, 2019 _____, Board Clerk
Susan Archibald

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