**San Simon Fire District**

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San Simon Fire District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday May 14,2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:27pm, at the San Simon Fire Station, 2249 W. Firehouse Lane, San Simon, AZ 85632.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Pati Fickett.

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Governing Board: Chairperson Pati Fickett – Present

Clerk Savanna Valdez - Present

Board Member Fernando Guzman - Present

Administration: Chief John Novak - Present

Captain Heather Lentz - Present

Support: Michele Larned

Guests: Diane Parker Mike Chesteen

Paul Rambo Mike Zamudio

Mary Sparkman Ronnie Mahan

Judy White Becky Phifer

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Chris Anthis

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 11, 2024, REGULAR MEETING:

Mr. Guzman made the motion to approve the Board Minutes for April 11, 2024 as presented.

Mrs. Fickett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Ms. Valdez |  |  |  | X |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 20, 2024 WILDLAND WORK SESSION:

Mr. Guzman made the motion to approve the Board Minutes for April 11, 2024 as presented.

Mrs. Fickett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Ms. Valdez |  |  |  | X |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Ms. Valdez made the motion to approve the Financial Reports as prepared by Natalie Galgano-Pinkdey of Municipal Accounts &Consulting.

Mr. Guzman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Ms. Valdez | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. CORSPONDANCE:

Two Public Record Reviews have been received and acknowledged.

1. AUXILIARY REPORT:

None

1. CHIEF’S REPORT:

The District ran 15 calls in April: 4 ALS, 2 BLS, 5 Cancelled Calls, 1 Motor Vehicle Collision, 1 Investigation, and 2 Public Assists

Chief Novak was notified the District was not one of the recipients of the SB1720 Grant awards. This grant award would have assisted in attaining architectural plans for a new fire station/public service and medical facility.

The new equipment purchased with grant funds has been identified/labeled/marked and added to the inventory.

Provided medical standby for softball game at the school.

Completed one public records request and working on a second. Have 2 additional requests to fulfil.

Chief Novak submitted the Cooperative agreement with the Arizona forestry and Fire Management.

1. OLD BUSINESS:

None

1. CALL TO PUBLIC:

Judy White: Expressed her dissatisfaction with how her request to physically inspect the Fire District’s inventory was handled and the District’s lack of attention to public record.

Mike Zamudio: Expressed his ‘profound gratitude’ to Chief Novak and the San Simon Fire District’s Volunteers for their swift professional action/treatment the day of his accident. Stated, “Had Chief Novak, Rose and Michele not responded quickly and operated like a well-oiled machine to my call, I most likely would not be standing here tonight. ‘Thanking You’ for all you did for me and my family and for all you do for the community!”

1. NEW BUSINESS:

All items are listed for **Discussion/Approval/Disapproval**

1. ADOPT THE AMENDED 2023/2024 SAN SIMON FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET:

Ms. Valdez made the motion to Adopt the Amended 2023/2024 San Simon Fie District Budget as approved.

Mr. Guzman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Ms. Valdez | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. WILDLAND PROGRAM PRESENTATION:
2. WILDLAND VEHICLE PURCHASE:

(Items 12-B and 12.C were combined as one is contingent on the other.)

A discussion was held with Chirs Anthis, Chief Novak, and the Board regarding various aspects of entering a Wildland Fire Program with the Arizona Department of Forestry and the options of purchasing vehicles needed to enter this program.

Mr. Guzman made a motion to adopt the (Item 12-B) Wildland Fire Program and (Item 12.C) purchase the Wildland Vehicles from Chris Anthis under the “Other” Both Price Option presented for purchase/lease purchase of the vehicles by Mr. Anthis. Purchase a Type 6 - 2014 Ford F-450 Brush Truck for $20,000 and Lease/Purchase a Type 3 – 2007 International Brush Truck for $105,000.

Ms. Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Ms. Valdez | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

Scheduled a Wildlands Fire Work Session for Monday, May 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Board authorized Chief Novak to list the District’s Type 6 – 2003 Ford F-450 Bursh 2501 Truck for sale at $30,000.

1. SET TIME AND DATE FOR A BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Scheduled a 2024/25 Budget Work Session for Friday, May 31, 2024, at 10:00am.

1. RATIFY I.G.A. WITH ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT:

Ms. Valdez made a motion to approve the I.G.A with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

Mr. Guzman seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Ms. Valdez | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Guzman: “Keep up the good work.”

1. STAFF COMMENTS:

Captain Lentz: Volunteers have been doing individualized training using Action Training courses. They’ve been working to update the inventory to include the new items purchased with grant funds. Continuing to do medical standby at the athletic events at school. Appreciate the support of the Board and Community.

Chief Novak: Express his appreciation for support from the Board and Community of the new Wildland Fire Program. The program is an area of non-tax income the District can pursue funds to improve the District’s resources, opportunities and facilities.

1. SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday June 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

1. ADJOURN:

Chairperson Fickett adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

Submitted Respectfully By: Pati Fickett

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Patricia Fickett, Chairperson Date