



# SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Board Chairman Price called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 10:20 a.m. The meeting was held both virtually and in person due to social distancing requirements relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present: Board Chairman Diane Price, Board Clerk Karen Gueltzow, and Board Members Bill Becker and John Crawford.

Members Absent: Board Member Jack Arend.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rob Biscoe, Assistant Chief Mary Dalton, Assistant Chief Chris DeChant, Division Chief Kane Nixon, Emergency Manager Kim Campbell, Deputy Chief - Fire Marshal Eric Kriwer, Assistant Fire Marshal John Teixeira, Captain Johnny Padilla, Finance Director Rebecca Chitwood, Accountant Coaleen Poland, Management Analyst Deborah Musselman, and Administrative Director Dawn Miller.

Legal Counsel: Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lee Miller.

Guests Present: North County Fire & Medical District Board Members Richard Bookie, Tony Sambol, David Wilson, and James Young; Russell Smith, NCFMD Board appointee.

Media Present: None.

Public Comment: None.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Chairman Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

### 4. FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

A. South County Fire & Medical District Financial Reports for June 2021.

Coaleen Poland, Acting Finance Manager presented the South County Fire & Medical District Financial Reports for June 2021 and answered any questions from Board Members.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Monthly Financial Reports- June 2021.

B. Approve Transfer of Revenues from South County Fire & Medical District to Arizona Fire & Medical Authority (AFMA) in accordance with the AFMA Joint Power Authority Intergovernmental Agreement.

C. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2021.

D. Approve Adding the Law Offices of Nicolas J. Cornelius, PLLC to the South County Fire & Medical District Legal Services List.

E. Approve Adding the Law Firm of Gus Rosenfeld, PLC to the South County Fire & Medical District Legal Services List.

F. Approve Adding the Law Firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP to the South County Fire & Medical District Legal Services List.

G. Adopt Resolution No. SC21-0727-4 authorizing annexation request of Parcel No. 506-40-238 Located at 36028 W. Weldon Ave., Tonopah, Arizona (Property Owner: Preston).

**Board Member Crawford moved that the South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Board Clerk Gueltzow seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Crawford, Gueltzow, Price

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Arend

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to the Amended Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement, and Approval of Resolution No. SC21-0727-1.

Assistant Chief Dalton stated that there were modifications to the JPA as related to the Certificates of Participation process. Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lee Miller gave an overview of the changes and answered all questions from Board Members. Mr. Miller noted that the term of the JPA was extended to August 2044.

**Board Member Crawford moved that the South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board approve and adopt Resolution No. SC21-0727-1, approving the revisions to the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Joint Powers Authority Agreement and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute such documents and undertake any such measures as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution. Board Clerk Gueltzow seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Crawford, Gueltzow, Price  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Arend

**B. Discussion and Possible Action Relating to the Assumption Agreement and Approval of Resolution No. SC21-0727-2.**

At the Joint Board Meeting on July 27, 2021 this item was reviewed in detail. Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lee Miller explained the assumption agreement and that it is part of the Certificates of Participation transaction. Mr. Miller further explained that this transaction will require deeds to be signed and he further described the process. All Board Member questions were answered.

**Board Member Crawford moved that the South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board approve Resolution No. SC21-0727-2 and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute in the name of and on behalf of the District the Contingent Assumption Agreement or other instruments or documents necessary or appropriate in connection with the transactions described in or contemplated by the Agreement and to do all acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms and intent of the Resolution and of any of the documents referred to therein. Board Clerk Gueltzow seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Crawford, Gueltzow, Price  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Arend

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Adopting Resolutions No. SC21-0727-5 through SC21-0727-23 Authorizing Annexation Requests with Mesquite Arlington Valley Solar Project.**

Division Chief Nixon gave a presentation and explained the annexation requests with the Mesquite Arlington Valley Solar Project. All questions from Board Members were answered.

**Board Member Crawford moved that the South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Approve Annexation Requests with Resolution Numbers SC21-0727-5 through SC21-0727-23. Board Clerk Gueltzow seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Crawford, Gueltzow, Price  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Arend

D. Discussion Regarding Updates on Battalion 231 Fire Corps Program.

This item was put on the agenda by Board Chairman Price. Chairman Price requested that communication regarding the Fire Corps Program be made regularly at Board meetings. She requested that in person meetings be allowed for the public in Sun Lakes periodically. Fire Chief Biscoe mentioned that due to the pandemic that the public is only allowed to attend by video conference or telephonically at this time.

Deputy Chief Kriwer gave a thorough presentation on the Battalion 231 Fire Corps Updates. Ongoing discussions related to the restructuring of the previous Sun Lakes Fire District Community Assistance Program under the Authority's Fire Corps umbrella began in July of 2017. The Authority has been working collaboratively for many years to improve the Fire Corps Volunteer Programs in Sun Lakes as well as all the communities served by the Authority. Many enhancements have been made, and others were being discussed, including firefighter rehabilitation support and a community connector program, when the Authority's attention and resources were abruptly shifted to combat the COVID pandemic. Subsequently, all Authority's Fire Corps programs were placed on a temporary hiatus. A reduced number of the previous Fire Corps services have recently started to be gradually re-instituted.

Deputy Chief Kriwer answered all Board Member questions. Chairman Price gave a statement about all her experiences with the program.

7. **SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDAS**

Future agenda items were reviewed.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

  
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Karen Gueltzow, Board Clerk