



ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

MINUTES

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

Committee Chairman Becker called the meeting to order on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 10:05 a.m. at the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Administrative Office, 18818 N. Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, Arizona 85375. The meeting was held in person and virtually.

Members Present: Committee Members Bill Becker and James Young

Members Absent: Committee Member Melanie Hardy

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**

Committee Chairman Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Approve Governance & Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2023.

Committee Member Young moved that the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes be approved. Committee Chairman Becker seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hardy

B. Update on establishment of the AFMA non-profit foundation.

Assistant Chief Dalton presented the Governance & Legislative Committee with an update on the activities of Staff as it relates to recruiting interested community members to serve on this foundation board. Local 3573 has expressed interest in having a representative serve on this foundation board as well. Once interested community members are identified, an initial meeting will need to be held to form the Board and associated terms, as well as the legal filings to create the non-profit foundation.

Discussion ensued relating to donations from corporations, naming of the foundation, separation of the foundation from the Firefighters Charities and the separation of the foundation from the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority.

Lee Miller, Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director spoke to the potential structure of the foundation board as well as a potential draft set of bylaws that would need to be adopted once formed.

C. Update on proposed 2024 bond election and community outreach efforts, including a review of the draft slide presentations.

Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Miller noted that the North County Fire & Medical District and South County Fire & Medical District will need to make a final go/no-go decision on calling a bond election by the end of April 2024.

Staff reviewed the draft slide presentation for use in the community outreach efforts. Discussion ensued among Board Members relating to adding information depicting dollar figure values affecting tax rates and insurance rates for homeowners in each separate community served by AFMA, and the impact of legislative challenges as well as the changing tax responsibilities between residential and commercial residents in Arizona.

Discussion ensued relating to the timing of the community outreach efforts, groups to speak with, and the need to catch snowbirds during their in-town season.

The Committee took a recess at 11:55 a.m., and returned at 12:08 p.m., with all members present.

D. Presentation of AZDC Consulting proposal for federal lobbyist services to support capital funding needs.

Fire Chief Mark Burdick presented the proposal by AZDC Consulting on their federal lobbyist services as an alternative method to obtain additional funding for the Authority. Chief Burdick explained the fee structure proposed by AZDC Consulting noting a retainer fee. Chief Burdick reviewed some of the public safety funded projects that were awarded recently across the Valley.

Board Member Young noted his concerns relating to utilizing lobbyist services as he felt that during budget restraint times the monthly retainer cost should be reserved and suggested the Budget & Finance Committee consider the item at its next meeting on October 10, 2023.

Chief Burdick noted the possibility of paying for these services using American Rescue Plan Act funding recently awarded to AFMA by the State.

Committee Member Young moved that this item be reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee at their meeting on October 10, 2023. Committee Chairman Becker seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hardy

4. **SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS**

There were no suggested agenda items.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

William Becker

William Becker (Nov 20, 2023 14:23 MST)

Bill Becker, Chairman
AFMA Governance & Legislative Committee

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