

Buckeye Valley Fire District

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Buckeye Valley Fire District is dedicated to safely serving with integrity, professionalism, compassion and innovation.”

Minutes of meeting held on June 8th, 2023

Administration Office located at:
6213 S. Miller Rd. Ste. 112, Buckeye AZ 85326.

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:03 pm
2. Roll Call (one or more Board Members may attend via phone)

Gary Benson, Board Chairman **PRESENT**
Matt Delph, Elected Member **Teleconference**
Kevin Lindley, Elected Member **Teleconference**
Murel Stephens, Citizen Member **Absent**
William Milbourn, Citizen Member **PRESENT**

Liz DeLara-S - Board Secretary **PRESENT**
Cynthia Kelley – Ryan Rapp, Pacheco & Kelly, PLC **Absent**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Board Chair G. Benson
4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC Lauren Hoffarth – Applicant / Mike Wanczyk -Union Representative

*Mrs. L. Hoffarth read a statement directed to all Board members. No previous notification was given of the content to be read and presented during the general session.

This is the time for the public to comment. Individuals requesting to address the Board will be limited to 3 minutes to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-43.1.01 (H), action taken because of public comment will be limited to directing Staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

5. MINUTES

- a. Motion by M. Delph, 2nd by G. Benson to approve the minutes of the April 13th, 2023, PSPRS Local Board Meeting. **Motion carries 3 yay – 0 nay – 1 abstain, Boar Member W. Milbourn was not present on April 13th, 2023 meeting.**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by M. Delph, 2nd by W. Milbourn to go into Exec Session at 5:18 pm, Motion carried 4-0

Notice is hereby given that at any time during this meeting, the PSPRS Board may make a motion to recess into Executive Session for discussions with all reasonably necessary Fire District Staff, to discuss and consult with attorneys and representatives of the public body for legal advice and to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(2) - (A)(4).

- a. Review IME medical report regarding FF/EMT Lauren Hoffarth for the PSPRS Accidental Disability Retirement application submitted.

***Mrs. Hoffarth and M. Wanczyk (Union Rep) were present during the initial session for statements regarding medical findings. At 5:30 pm Mrs. Hoffarth and M. Wanczyk (Union Rep) exited the Exec Session.**

**Motion by W. Milbourn, 2nd by M. Delph to return to Regular Session at 5:59 pm
Motion carries 4 yay – 0 Nay.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by G. Benson, 2nd by W. Milbourn to deny the application submitted by FF/EMT Lauren Hoffarth for the PSPRS Accidental Disability Retirement based on the report provided by the Independent Medical Examiner. Although it was found that FF/EMT Lauren Hoffarth has a disability that occurred in the workplace which totally disables her and was not pre-existing prior to her membership into the System, it was determined by the IME doctor to not be permanent.

8. GENERAL UPDATES

- **No updates**

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- **No Board comments.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

***Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm**