

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RINCON VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
HELD October 18, 2018**

A public meeting of the Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board was convened on **October 18, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.** at RVFD Station 2; 14550 E. Sands Ranch Rd. Vail, AZ 85641. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board: Chairperson Raymond Phillips, Clerk Michelle Harrington, Member Terry Newman, Member Mark Tate, and Member Kirsten Schlenker.

The following matters were discussed, considered and decided at the meeting:

1. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M by Chairperson Phillips

A. Roll Call - Chairperson Raymond Phillips	present
Clerk Michelle Harrington	present
Member Terry Newman	present
Member Kirsten Schlenker	present
Member Mark Tate	present

- Also attending – Fire Chief Jayme Kahle, Administrative Manager Laura Bucklin, and Jennifer Phillips, C.P.A. (See hand written sign in sheet attached for others present).

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Member Mark Tate lead the pledge of allegiance.

3. Date of next meeting originally scheduled for November 15, but re-scheduled for November 20, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

- Confirmed by four board members.

Note: The Board took agenda items out of order.

4. (Item #8-A - 2019-010) – Presentation by the District's auditor of the District's FY 2017-2018 Annual Financial Audit and review, discussion and possible action by the Board to officially receive the audit.

- Jennifer Phillips, C.P.A attended the Board Meeting to present a brief description of the Annual Financial Audit for FY 1718, and to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the audit.

-Motion by Member Tate, second by Member Schlenker to approve and officially receive the FY 17/18 Annual Financial Audit. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

5. Call to the Public

- Chairperson Phillips gave an opportunity to all potential board candidates in attendance to address the Board. No response given.
- Chief Kahle presented a letter from Daniel Matlick, Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Mr. Matlick wanted to thank Chief Kahle for his participation

and dedication as one of the judges for selecting the 2018 Firefighter of the Year Award.

- District resident Karen Lundberg submitted a Citizen Information Card to request to address the Board. Ms. Lundberg made a statement concerning the local mailers and signs that are being posted in the community regarding the upcoming General Election for the Fire Board. (See attached statement from Karen Lundberg).

6. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion by Clerk Harrington, second by Member Schlenker to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5 to 0.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

7. Reports and Correspondence

- A. Fire Chief's Report – Reviewed by the Board. Report on file.
- No comments from the Board.
- B. September's Financial Reports – Review, discussion and possible action, of the district's financial status including monthly summary reports.
- Monthly Financial Report – Motion by Clerk Harrington, second by Member Schlenker to approve the Financial Report for the month of September 2018. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.
 - Expense Report – Motion by Clerk Harrington, second by Member Schlenker to approve the expenses for the month of September 2018. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.
 - Monthly Bank Reconciliations and Balance Sheet – Motion by Clerk Harrington, second by Member Schlenker to approve the Bank Reconciliations and Balance Sheet for the month of September 2018. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. **2018-036e – Review, discussion and possible action regarding the November 2018 Election.**
- Motion by Chairperson Phillips, second by Clerk Harrington to approve the "Affidavit of Compliance" for the November General Elections. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.
 - Chief Kahle wanted to bring to the Board's attention an issue with the General Election Ballots. The ballots are inconsistent due to some district residents receiving ballots with the fire board candidates names listed on the ballot, and other district residents are receiving ballots without the

candidate's names listed. Chief Kahle is in the process of contacting Pima County to find out how to resolve the issue.

- Board Member Kirsten Schlenker made a statement concerning the election signs that have been posted in the district. (See attached statement from Board Member Kirsten Schlenker).
- Board Member Mark Tate also stated that he does not appreciate being approached by other residents regarding the insinuations printed on the election signs that are posted in the community.

9. New Business

A. 2019-011 – Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution #19-009 to authorize Rincon Valley Fire District to formally submit grant funding request for the 2019 Highway Safety Plan and to designate the fire chief as the appointed agent.

- The District seeks to make our citizens safer in their homes, businesses and on the road by providing education on Child Passenger Safety seats. We receive an annual donation from Tucson Medical Center, a Safekids organization, of approximately 40 car/booster seats. We have one Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician and this funding would allow us to have additional technicians, their recertification and provide for their wages during our annual events. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety manages a grant program that provides funding for this for law enforcement, EMS and fire agencies. This grant is 100% funded and at no cost to the district.

-Motion by Chairperson Phillips, second by Member Schlenker to approve Resolution #19-009 to authorize Rincon Valley Fire District to formally submit grant funding request for the 2019 Highway Safety Plan and to designate the fire chief as the appointed agent. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

B. 2019-012 – Presentation of the Executive Fire Officer Program Certificate conferred upon Fire Chief Jayme Kahle by the 115th Congress of the United States of America.

- Chairperson Phillips presented Chief Kahle with a Certificate of Completion from the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy's "Executive Fire Officer Program."

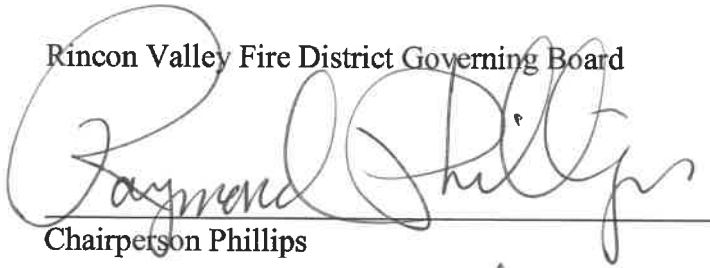
10. Future Agenda Items (no discussion)

- Annexations
- Board Elections

11. Adjournment - Motion by Member Schlenker, second by Clerk Harrington to adjourn. Motion passed 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

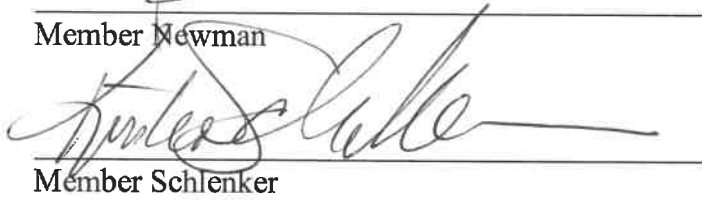
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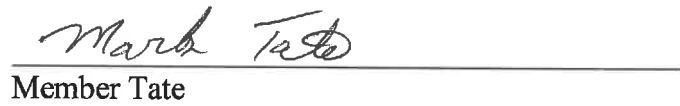
Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board


Chairperson Phillips


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Member Tate



Rincon Valley Fire District
Citizen Information Card
Request to Address the Board

Speakers are limited to a three-minute oral presentation and may submit written comments of any length to the Governing Board.

Submit to the Board Secretary

Full Name: Karen Lundberg Date: 10/18/18

Physical Address: 7457 S. Avenida de Belleza

Mailing Address: 11

Organization: Resident

I am representing 10+ people. Phone: 403-1492

- I wish to speak regarding Agenda Item # C.
- I wish to address another issue under Call to the Public concerning: Elections

How to Address the Board

- The Board Chairperson will call your name when it is your turn to speak
- Groups wishing to speak should elect a spokesperson to represent the views of the group.

October 18, 2018

Call To The Public – RVFD regular Board meeting

Karen Lundberg

Resident RVFD

I am speaking on behalf of several of my neighbors in the Rocking K Area who expressed to me similar concerns of mine regarding the shift in Top Priorities as expressed in the local mailers, signs and surprisingly the Vail FF Unions social media. Rather than Community Service, Safety thru Education and Public services in general it appears to be stating there is no confidence in the current district board or administration and the priority is to regain Public Safety, transparency and accountability.

A cursory review of the past public records of RVFD board meeting over the past year shows no evidence suggesting lack of confidence regarding either of the three posted priorities of three prospective board candidates. In fact the review shows the board and administration agreeing to a written UNION termed “meet and confer” where by if there were any issues the firefighters could thru their leadership express legitimate concerns that contradict the districts mission statement and vision and indeed “no confidence” sentiments regarding for example: public safety, transparency and accountability.

Further review of the public meeting it was specifically asked by the district’s attorney to the firefighter’s spokesman if there was a sense the administration, specifically the Fire Chief, if they were any cause to believe there was a lack of accountability or lack of transparency he felt needed to be addressed. The reply was an emphatic NO there was not but the firefighters wanted this Union agreement in place should it ever occur in the future. The Fire Chief recommended to the board to agree to the Union “Meet and Confer” and the board passed the motion.

Okay, lets assume since the time of the enactment of the Meet and Confer there were instances where firefighters expressed concerns to the administration thru their spokesman of a lack of confidence in transparency or accountability of the district board or administration. If there were and they were not address why is there no public comment to the board at any of the past nine board meetings expressing these concerns. After all, there is a Call to the Public at a minimum to speak out. That would be the avenue to take a "transparent and accountable" evidentiary paper trail to prove such an allegation. Again, I saw nothing in the public record.

Which leads me to only one question, which Body of the Fire District is being non-transparent and not accountable. The Board, the administration or the firefighters Union. Public Records answers that question. The current political paper and social media blitz seems to have implied a condition that doesn't exist and shows a discouraging lack of recall of the public oath to service each member of this department swore to God and the audience in the room when excepting the position of firefighter, engineer, captain, and Chief Officer.

I hope that any resident of this district that is willing to serve and represent the taxpayer and department staff takes an unbiased review and understands the huge responsibility they will assume to follow AZ Statutes regarding fire districts, AZ CON rules and regulations, Workman's Compensation and the Public Safety Personel Retirement System to name just a few of the regulatory guidelines they must follow as a board member of one of the finest Fire Districts in the State of Arizona.

Thank you

Karen Sundberg

I would like to discuss the election signs that have popped up all over the District. I am outraged by these signs and the fact that they imply that this Board, our Fire Chief and the Administration are not centered around public safety and that we do not conduct business in a transparent, open manner to where there is accountability for all actions....because this is far from the truth!

Approximately 6yrs ago I was unfortunately approached as the Board Chair by 6 different members of this Fire Dept who had heard that Chief Lundberg was going to be retiring and these folks were very concerned about how the Board was going to select their next Fire Chief. The Board made a decision that they would work with an independent HR firm to recruit, test and ultimately bring forth the best candidates for consideration. I think you'll all agree that whole process was done in a very open, transparent format and you had opportunity to be involved at every step of the way.

During his 6yrs as Fire Chief, Jayme has ALWAYS placed the safety of both the public and our personnel at the forefront this is proven by:

- Expanding our CON boundaries
- Solidifying mutual aide agreements with neighboring Districts
- Providing training standards and continuing education opportunities
- Increasing engines to ALS coverage
- Increasing minimum staffing levels from 8 to 11
- Improving our ISO rating from 5 to 3
- Adding an additional ambulance in-service
- Modernizing our communication equipment
- Modernizing our EMS equipment
- Establishing a community Risk Reduction program

The Chief has ALWAYS served in a fiscally responsible manner and is trustworthy with taxpayer money this is proven by his establishment of our Capital Improvement Plan and procurement of Grant funding. He has managed to find available monies to provide personnel with raises despite stagnant growth to our tax-base revenues and to continue to provide our personnel with significant health care benefits. This Board has ALWAYS served in a fiscally responsible manner and is transparent and accountable with the District's \$4.5million dollar Budget this is proven by years of financial audits that have found no concerns or mishandlings of funds.

To post signs all over this District that imply 3 individuals (none of whom are the existing Board Member /incumbent that has been supporting you and your Dept mind you) that need to be elected to "Make Public Safety, Transparency and Accountability Top Priorities" is so far off base with the RVFD Mission Statement and takes away from the forward, progressive course that is being charted.

Kirsten Schlenker