

**Mountain Vista Fire District Board Meeting
2292 W Magee Rd, Suite 180-190**

Monday, January 17, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM by Chairman Archuleta followed by ROLL CALL

Members Present

Peter Archuleta, Chairman
Donna Heidinger, Clerk
Jerry Phillips, Director
Earle Ruhnke, Director

Absent

Scott Butler, Admin Chief
Mike Treece, Treasurer

Staff Present

Lorrie Palmquist, Executive Asst
Eric Hawkins, Attorney

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- b. General comments from Mr. Brian Gibson, Rural Metro

Mr. Gibson drove down to Tucson from Scottsdale and was running a few minutes late. The Board decided to continue with the agenda and let Mr. Gibson speak later.

- II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
There were no applications to speak from the public.

Director Phillips suggested that the Board not meet on the MLK holiday in the future.
Chairman Archuleta suggested that the Board meet on the Monday following the MLK holiday for next year.

- III. CONSENT AGENDA
- a. The meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes from December 20, 2010 were considered.
Director Ruhnke moved to approve the December 20, 2010 regular meeting and Executive Session minutes. Director Phillips seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***
- b. The meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes from January 3, 2011 were considered.
Director Ruhnke moved to approve the January 3, 2011 regular meeting and Executive Session minutes. Clerk Heidinger seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF'S REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. December 2010 Financial Statements

The December 2010 Financial Statements were considered. The statements do not reflect December revenue, because the County report has not been received yet. Director Ruhnke motioned to accept the December financials. Clerk Heidinger seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

b. Update on Groundbreaking for Magee Station

The Groundbreaking ceremony for the Magee Station has been set for Thursday, February 10 at 10:00 AM.

Clerk Heidinger thanked Rural Metro for their participation in the Shannon Station openhouse.

c. Update on the Strategic Planning process

Chairman Archuleta gave a brief synopsis of his recent meetings with Jan, the facilitator. He stated that at the last Board meeting, the Board suggested some changes to the Mission, Vision, and Values statements. Later, Jan suggested that the Board consider adding the word "protection" to the Mission statement so it will read "Protection of Community First". Ben suggested that the committee consider this and report back to the Board at the February meeting. Clerk Heidinger commented that this sounds cumbersome.

Chairman Archuleta stated that the Board suggested adding the word "rescue" to the Vision statement so it will read ". . . fire and rescue services."

Chairman Archuleta further stated that he and Jan are continuing to discuss specific objectives to meet the initiatives developed by the subcommittee. Meetings are scheduled through February with the intention of taking Board action on the matter at the February meeting. Chairman Archuleta stated that the hope is to have a strategic plan adopted by the Board before the budgetary process begins.

d. District Correspondence

None.

e. Rural Metro Reports

Both Directors Ruhnke and Phillips congratulated Rural Metro on a job well done. Director Phillips commented that he had never seen the exceptions this low in all his years of service. Both Directors said, "Great job."

Chief Stoltenberg commented on the two fires during the month on December.

On December 16TH there was a small residential house fire. 14 personnel were on the scene. It was a small chimney fire which shorted out behind the wall.

On Christmas Day there was a fire at Sundown Village Apartments, 8252 N Northern, which caused approximately \$40,000 damage. Between RM and the District, 26 personnel were on the scene. The American Red Cross took care of the family.

V. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion with Mr. Brian Gibson of Rural Metro and/or action regarding establishing the general guidelines for contract negotiations with Rural metro

Mr. John Karolzak, Division Manager for Southern Arizona, introduced Mr. Brian Gibson. Mr. Gibson is the Chief Operating Officer for Rural Metro. He has made several trips to Tucson over the last year and has met many of the firefighters and customers. The meeting tonight is a continuation of the process.

Mr. Gibson stated that meeting with the MVFD Board has been a long time in coming. He thanked the District for being a valued customer of RM. He offered his hope that RM is meeting the expectations of the District. Mr. Gibson commented that he has only been COO for 6 months, but has been with RM for a long while and RM is "in my DNA". He stressed that RM is *definitely* in the fire business and that the objective of RM is to make sure the customers are taken care of *and* that RM is exceeding their expectations.

Director Ruhnke commented that the Board is glad to meet Mr. Gibson and is looking forward to working with him.

Chairman Archuleta stated the the Districts' strategic planning process considers future annexations and that the Board wants to meet objectives to suit both parties involved. On behalf of the District, he offered thanks for making the trip to meet the Board.

Mr. Gibson stated that in regards to future annexations, RM is absolutely intending to work with MVFD for a "win-win" situation for all . He further added, "We can get there!"

- b. Discussion and/or action regarding adopting the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Values Statement recommended by the Strategic Planning Subcommittee

NO action taken

- c. Discussion and/or action to approve Kleinfelder to provide materials testing and special inspection services for the Magee facility

Attorney Hawkins told the Board that there is only 1 minor change regarding implied warranties on the contract and that Kleinfelder is willing to change it. Attorney Hawkins believes it is resolved but does not know what the final status is and, therefore, suggests that the Board adopt the contract subject to the minor issue being worked out. Director Ruhnke stated that he went by the site today and the land is already bladed. He further stated that the guys will be on the scene tomorrow so the Board does, in fact, need to vote this evening.

Director Ruhnke moved to accept the Kleinfelder contract with the exception as noted by Attorney Hawkins. Director Phillips seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

At 6:58 PM, Director Phillips moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss agenda items V (d) and (e). Director Ruhnke seconded. The regular meeting was adjourned.

After a short break, the Board reconvened. Director Phillips motioned to leave Executive Session. Clerk Heidinger seconded.

At 7:03 PM the Board reconvened in the regular meeting. The Board had intended to add agenda item V(a) to the Executive Session agenda. Clerk Heidinger motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss agenda items V (a), (d), and (e). Director Phillips seconded.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:07 PM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Heidinger moved to adjourn. Director Ruhnke seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Approved By: _____

Date: _____