

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RINCON VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING  
HELD July 15, 2021**

A public meeting of the Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board was convened on **July 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.** as a Virtual Meeting and In-Person. **Meeting ID: meet.google.com/obn-kbhd-tdn. Join by phone: (US) +1 470-705-0523 PIN: 711 030 489#** Present at the meeting were the following members of the Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board: Chairperson Michelle Harrington, Clerk Jennifer Spears, Member Kevin McKinley, Member Christopher Klasen and Member Matthew Messmer.

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

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

A. Roll Call - Chairperson Michelle Harrington	present
Clerk Jennifer Spears	present
Member Chris Klasen	present
Member Kevin McKinley	present
Member Matt Messmer	present by virtual meeting

- Also attending – Fire Chief Jayme Kahle, Assistant Chief Jim Tucker, Battalion Chief Kris Middleton, Community Relations Manager Fiona De Young, and Administrative Manager Laura Bucklin.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairperson Harrington lead the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Date of next meeting scheduled for August 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

- Confirmed by all board members present.

**4. Call to the Public**

- No response from the public.

**5. Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Study Session.
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- C. Approval of Resolution #22-001 Steiner Annexation (1381 N Vail View Rd).
- D. Approval of Resolution #22-002 Kersten Annexation (3900 E Calle Agassiz).

## 6. Reports and Correspondence

### A. Fire Chief's Report – Reviewed by the Board. Report on file.

- Legislative Update:
  - S1828 includes the two-step tax rate cap adjustment for fire districts and corresponding Class 1 tax assessment ratio adjustments for commercial property. The tax assessment ratio reduction was expanded in the Senate's floor amendment to lower the commercial tax assessment ratio to 16 percent (equal to the ratio for vacant land). The commercial (Tax Class 1) tax assessment ratio is currently 18 percent. The tax assessment ratio reduction will be a four-step process of half a percent annually beginning in tax year 2022. Fire district tax rate cap adjustments will begin in FY22/23.
    - Tax Assessment Ratio – Tax Class 1
      1. Beginning Jan. 1, 2022 – 17.5%
      2. Beginning Jan. 1, 2023 – 17.0%
      3. Beginning Jan. 1, 2024 – 16.5%
      4. Beginning Jan. 1, 2025 – 16.0%
    - Fire District Tax Rate Cap Adjustment (current 3.25)
      1. Beginning July 1, 2022 – 3.375
      2. Beginning July 1, 2023 – 3.50
  - **H2381: PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION - signed by Governor, chapter #34, Laws 2021** (*H2381 is the PSPRS agency bill amending requirements for administration, governance and operation of PSPRS local board*).
  - **S1298: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING - signed by Governor, Chapter 241, Laws 2021** (*S1298 authorizes fire districts to refinance PSPRS unfunded liabilities. Emergency clause*)
  - **S1351: FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS - signed by the Governor, chapter #145, Laws 2021** (*S1351 makes various changes to fire district administrative and governance statutes clarifying board terms of office, real property sale requirements, and makes other technical corrections*).
  - **S1373: HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE - 5/4 signed by Governor, Chapter 314, Laws 2021** (*S1373 requires SNF and care homes to provide pre-arrival CPR and other care*).
  - **S1442: HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER - signed by the Governor, Chapter 44, Laws 2021** (*S1442 is the Governor's Healthy Forest Initiative slated for \$24M appropriation to fund inmate fire crews for HVR. S1442 is the mirror bill to H2440*).
  - **S1451: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER - signed by Governor, Chapter 229, Laws 2021** (*S1451 amends cancer presumption laws for firefighters*).
  - **S1659: FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY - signed by the Governor, Chapter 158, Laws 2021** (*S1659 is an ATRA sponsored measure to*

*make fire district budget reporting consistent with city and county requirements).*

**B. June's Financial Reports** – Review, discussion and possible action, of the district's financial status including monthly summary reports.

- Monthly Financial Report for the month of June 2021.
- Monthly Expense Report for the month of June 2021.
- Monthly Bank Reconciliations and Balance Sheet for the month of June 2021.

-Motion by Member McKinley, second by Clerk Spears to approve the district's financial reports and expenses for the month of June 2021. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**A. None.**

**8. New Business**

**A. 2022-001 – Presentation of Service for a Code Arrest save Honoring Travis Mooney and Richard Cordero.**

- Paramedic Travis Mooney and Firefighter Cordero were able to save a life. We had a person walk-in complaining of not feeling well. Our crew assessed the patient and identified that he was having a heart attack (STEMI) and was able to convince him to go to the hospital. His family came by and reported that the cardiologist said he would have died if it wasn't for the care he received by our crews.

**B. 2022-002 – Review, discussion, and possible action to proclaim August 2021 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month.**

- The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona mission is to prevent fatal and non-fatal drownings through the promotion of education, legislative action and enhanced product safety. The Rincon Valley Fire District has partnered with this coalition to prevent drownings. Year to date, Arizona has experienced 53 water related incidents with 36 of those being children. A total of 17 fatalities have already occurred. Luckily, in Pima County we have not yet experienced any injuries or fatalities. We are participating with the KVOA Lifesavers drowning prevention program. Specifically, we are hosting some free CPR classes and will be handing out drowning awareness materials.

-Motion by Clerk Spears, second by Chairperson Harrington to proclaim August 2021 as Drowning Impact Awareness Month. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**C. 2022-003 – Review and discussion concerning potential future fire station locations.**

- Last month, the board asked the Chief to research future fire station locations. The chief presented his findings:

There are 10 potential locations.

Each site has its pros and cons.


Three sites show the highest feasibility - Aspen Block One, Innovative Excavating Site and the Christ Lutheran Vail Church Site.

No action taken. Discussion only.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Clerk Spears, second by Member Klasen to adjourn. Motion passed 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Dated this 20th day of July 2021.

Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board

  
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