Minutes to the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District 29 February 2021 1100

Call to Order

Roll Call – Annette Dorney, Sue Archibald, Chris Johnson; Donna Aversa (Fire Board's Attorney) and Pam Treadwell-Rubin (PSPRS Local Board's Attorney) attended via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review, discussion, and possible action of appointing one or more individuals to fill vacancies on SEFD's PSPRS local pension board: Donna Aversa (Fire Board's Attorney) - Mr. Chairman, we have an opening on the PSPRS Local board by the resignation of Laura Sink (January 25, 2021). We also have an issue with the position held by former Chief Joseph De Wolf with his termination on January 5, 2021. I believe the local (District) Board has the ability to make a motion to deem the position currently held by Joseph De Wolf as vacant. There are two employee members (voted on by employees) and you (District Board) are responsible for the rest. So, you have one vacancy with Laura's resignation and my suggestion to you is that you entertain a motion that the Fire Board deem vacant the position held by Joseph De Wolf on the Local Pension Board. **Archibald** – I'll move that, Dorney Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **Aversa** – Mr. Chairman, now you have two vacancies; one of those vacancies must be filled by a resident of the District, a second vacancy needs to be filled with a person with administrative experience. That person is not required to be a resident of the District, and I hear rumblings that Board member Archibald is __not audible___ inquiring if Board member Archibald has HR Experience? Are you willing? Johnson – Member Archibald – do you have experience in HR Administration. Archibald - I do. (Archibald gave a brief bio.) **Aversa** - Mr. Chairman, is the Board comfortable with MS Archibald's experience. **Johnson** – I am, Annette, do you have any questions? **Dorney** – No; I would like to make a motion to have Sue (Archibald) as the outside person. Johnson – I will second that. Motion carried unanimously (Dorney Aye, Johnson Aye) with Archibald abstaining. Pam Treadwell clarified that Archibald would fill the position to July 2021.

Aversa – Mr Chairman, I __not audible__ have someone to flll the vacant position (District resident)? Archibald – we have. Johnson – we have, a neighbor of mine. She also has government experience in retirement and HR issues. Kat, what's her last name? Archibald – Feltmann, I think. Aversa – maybe we should wait until you get actual confirmation. Archibald – Probably. Aversa – you can put that on the agenda for the February Board Meeting unless you have another to make that appointment. Johnson – we'll do it at the next regular Board meeting.

Possible executive session for legal advice. Pursuant to ARS Sec 38-431. 03(A)(3), the Board may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consultation with the attorney(s) for the District regarding potential informed consent/waiver of conflict of interest with SEFD's PSPRS local pension board regarding SEFD pension contributions.

NOTE: Executive sessions are confidential pursuant to ARS Sec. 38-431.03 Motion by Archibald to go into executive session, seconded by Dorney, motion carried unanimously. Time 1117. (Pam Treadwell-Rubin left the executive session at this time)

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Review, discussion, and possible action to waive any conflict or potential conflict of interest with SEFD's PSPRS local pension board regarding SEFD's PSPRS contributions. Johnson – we are back in open session, 1129. I do need to caution you that things said in executive session are confidential and shall remain so. What we need is a motion. Aversa – Mr. Chairman, a motion along the lines that this Board (District) a form of consent and waive a potential conflict of interest with the Local PSPRS Board regarding the Fire Board's pension contributions and to also waive privilege as to issues regarding the contributions, to allow the Local Board and the Fire Board and their attorneys to work together. Archibald – so moved. Dorney seconded. Johnson called for the vote: Motion carried unanimously.
Possible executive session for legal advice. Pursuant to ARS Sec 38-431. 03(A)(3), the Board may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consultation with the attorney(s) for the District regarding SEFD's contributions to PSPRS. NOTE: Executive sessions are confidential pursuant to ARS Sec. 38-431.03 Johnson asked for a motion: Motion made by Archibald, seconded by Dorney (1131), motion carried unanimously. Aversa – because of the informed consent you just gave you don't have not audible. Woohoo.
Review, discussion, possible action regarding SEFD's contributions to PSPRS. Back in open session 1240. Johnson – executive sessions are confidential warning. There was no action for this item.
Adjournment – Motion by Archibald, seconded by Dorney, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved by ________, Board Clerk, February 22, 2021.