



TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 29, 2019

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mary Dahl. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll call of Board Members: Board Members present were Bill Kirkpatrick, Herb Wisdom, Mike Connelly, and Mary Dahl. Candy Clancy attended telephonically. Also present were Chief Horvath, Asst. Chief Rivera, Captain Guerrero, Captain Mendoza, Nancy Lindsey, Darrell Miller, Hesly Guerrero, Carmen Hernandez, Dennis Eshleman, and Melissa Tomlinson.
3. Report from Board Members: None
4. Call to the Public: None
5. Correspondence: Thank you note received
6. Chair's Report: None
7. Chief and Staff Report: Chief Horvath presented the monthly activity report to the Board.
8. Monthly Financial Report for April 2019: Melissa Tomlinson presented the financial reports for the month of April.
Key points for the month:
 - A. Santa Cruz County tax revenue for April was \$623,596 which was over budget by 124,840.
 - B. Non-Levy revenue was \$86,838 which was under budget by \$48,714.
 - C. Expenses for the month totaled \$274,590 which was under budget by \$31,854.
 - D. Fiscal year revenues are over budget by \$395,535; fiscal year expenses are also over budget by \$16,534.
9. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2019, regular board meeting
 - B. Approval of minutes from May 8, 2019, FY 19/20 budget workshop meeting
 - C. Approval of monthly financial reports
 - D. Approval of annual renewal of VFIS Property & Casualty insurance in the amount of \$38,030
 - E. Approval of annual renewal of Benchmark Worker's Compensation insurance in the amount of \$113,299

Mary Dahl asked for any questions or comments from the Board. Mike Connelly identified a typo on the May 8, 2019 minutes in which Gabe Buldra was mistakenly quoted as saying wildland revenue profit for the District was 80% and was in fact 30%. Mary Dahl asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April 18th and May 8th with the notated correction and the financial reports. Herb Wisdom made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mike Connelly seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.

10. Discussion and information only regarding the Tubac Fire District FY 19/20 budget: Melissa Tomlinson presented an overview of the FY 19/20 proposed budget. Mike Connelly feels that the Board should not approve increasing the tax rate to \$2.85 taking into consideration that the increase in property valuations is already increasing the tax bills of District residents. Candy Clancy agrees with Mr. Connelly that the tax rate should remain at \$2.75 and further stated that the Board re-think the capital plan for rebuilding Station #1. Bill Kirkpatrick believes that the budget overview presented over the past several months provides for the necessity in raising the tax rate to \$2.85. Melissa stated that the tentative budget needs to be posted for Public viewing for the next 20 days.
11. Discussion and possible action to adopt preliminary FY 19/20 budget: Mary Dahl proposed that the Board approve the preliminary FY 19/20 budget with a \$.10 increase in the tax rate and a decrease in the bond rate. Mike Connelly stated that he feels the budget is good but does not want the \$.10 increase. Candy Clancy agreed with Mike and requested that a budget proposal that keeps the tax rate at \$2.75 be provided to the Board. Mike Connelly made a motion to approve adoption of the preliminary FY 19/20 budget keeping the tax rate at \$2.75 and Candy Clancy seconded the motion. Chief Horvath interjected that the Board consider the long-term effects this decision would have for the District as we try to play catch up for the many years of no purchases or improvements and the work that needs to be done moving forward. Bill Kirkpatrick commented that delaying an increase in the tax rate could cause bigger challenges for the District down the road. Mary Dahl commended the Chief, Staff and the James Vincent Group for the many hours of work and research done to present a sound budget that justifies the needs of the District while helping to make it one of the best in the state. She further stated that she supports the \$2.85 tax rate and agrees with Bill that the time to start is now in order for the District to be on the right path. With no further discussion, Mary Dahl called for a vote of the motion made by Mike Connelly for adoption of the proposed FY 19/20 budget with a \$2.75 tax rate. Board Members Connelly and Clancy were in favor; Bill Kirkpatrick, Herb Wisdom and Mary Dahl were opposed, the motion did not pass. Bill Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the tentative FY 2020 as presented with a tax rate of \$2.85 and Herb Wisdom seconded the motion; Mary Dahl was in favor, Mike Connelly and Candy Clancy were opposed, the motion passed.
12. Future Agenda items: None
13. Call to the Public: Dennis Eshleman commented that the future year budget projections reflect an ongoing decrease in the bond rate along with an increase in the tax rate which results in a steady total rate that would not favorably affect District residents' property tax bills. He closed by stating that philosophically in his opinion when the bond is paid off the tax rate would be extremely high.
14. Next Meeting: June 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Tubac Fire Station #2, 1360 W. Frontage Road, Rio Rico.
15. Adjourn Meeting: Herb Wisdom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m., and Bill Kirkpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed.