

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: David Mann, Chairman

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: David Mann, Tim Wilmes, Steve Arnold, Phil LaBarbera, David VanderNaalt

Members Absent: None

Staff: Chief Mark Burdick, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Schmitz, Office Manager Lisa Neubert, USCFFA Vice President Adam Holliday

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: The Committees of the Board discussed various matters within their areas of responsibility.

I. Legal and Insurance

- A.** There was discussion on moving the action item of possible executive session posted under “Legal and Insurance” on the agenda to the end of the meeting. This would allow those in attendance the opportunity to leave after the public business items were discussed. The board voted unanimously to move the action item to the end of the meeting. (M: Steve Arnold/S: Tim Wilmes; Ayes – Mann, Wilmes, Arnold, LaBarbera, VanderNaalt; Nays – None)

II. Budget and Finance

- A.** Chief Schmitz reported that the Securis Workers Compensation renewal estimate had been received. The increase from last year (FY21-22) to this coming year (FY22-23) is 97.5%. The FY22-23 workers compensation premium estimate is \$512,570. The significant increase is due to the presumptive cancer laws for public safety workers and COVID claims. Securis has asked the governor’s office to be considered for a portion of the CARES Act monies the

state has received as fire districts did not directly receive CARES Act money because they are not a town or city.

III. Fire Department Operation

A. None

IV. Ambulance Operations

A. None

V. Grounds and Equipment

A. None

VI. Special Projects

A. None

VII. Executive Session

A. At this time, pursuant to A.R.S Section 38.431.03(A)(4), Board member Arnold made a motion for the board to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Board member LaBarbera. The majority vote was to go into executive session. The board entered executive session at 9:44 a.m. (M: Steve Arnold/S: Phil LaBarbera; Ayes – Mann, Arnold, VanderNaalt, LaBarbera; Nays – Wilmes)

B. The executive session adjourned at 11:26 a.m. and the special meeting resumed.

VIII. Adjournment

A. The special meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. (M: David VanderNaalt/S: Steve Arnold; AYES: David Mann, Tim Wilmes, Steve Arnold, Phil LaBarbera, David VanderNaalt; NAYS: None)

FOR THE BOARD

Tim Wilmes

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Clerk of the Board
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