

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN ARIZONA CONSOLIDATED  
FIRE DISTRICT #1 GOVERNING BOARD  
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019**

Special Meeting scheduled for 2:00 PM on January 28, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 2 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chairman Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** - Board members present – Chairman Bailey, Clerk Collins, Board Member Berg, Board Member Wilkin and Board Member Bryant.
4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** -

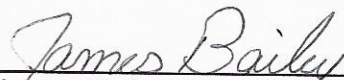
- A. Possible employment of defense counsel to respond to the complaint filed by Mr. Veradt and Mr. Garnica; CV2019-00077. Interim Fire Chief King went over the two proposals from two law firms, Lewis Roca and William Whittington. Chairman Bailey asked the members if they had the chance to review the proposals and asked if any members had any questions. Chairman Bailey believes both groups are familiar with the legal history and he would be comfortable with either.


Board Member Wilkin had the questions: 1) Is this a waste of tax payer money? 2) because the members were served individually, do the members need to hire an attorney individually? The attorney Bill Whittington was contacted by phone to help clarify her questions. He advised the Board not to get legal advice in public, as the information goes towards their defense in this matter and encouraged going into an executive session if needed. The board was advised the district does need a lawyer and encouraged avoiding executive session on the issue up for discussion in this meeting. The other question as to a waste of tax payer money is not on the agenda, therefore, should not be discussed at this time.

Motion to accept the proposal from Lewis Roca for the employment of the defense counsel to respond to the complaint filed by Mr. Veradt and Mr. Garnica was made by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Clerk Collins. Passed by majority vote; all board members voted with Board Member Wilkin abstaining.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Board Member Bryant moved to adjourn the meeting and Board Member Wilkin seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Rhonda Johnson, January 29, 2019

  
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James Bailey, Board Chairman

  
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Mike Collins, Board Clerk