

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD OF NORTHERN
ARIZONA CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT #1
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

NOTICE: Due to Coronavirus/COVID-19, Arizona Executive Order #2020-18, and CDC recommendations on social distancing, the building is closed to the public and this meeting will be conducted electronically. Members of the public may call in to hear the live audio by joining the Zoom meeting. Public comment or audio is not allowed during the meeting and attendants are to listen only, per the guidance published by the Attorney General for the State of Arizona.

The Governing Board of the Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District #1 met via Zoom from remote locations this 20th day of August 2020, at 6:00 p.m. for its regular meeting. The Zoom meeting website, meeting phone number and meeting ID were all listed on the Agenda, that has been provided and posted.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Bailey at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board Chairman Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – All board members present: Board Chairman Jim Bailey, Director John Bryant, Director Sue Wilkin, Director Erik Berg, and Board Clerk Mike Collins were all present via Zoom from remote locations.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (for approval by unanimous consent after corrections/additions)
Director Bailey moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020 and the Special Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020, as submitted. Director Wilkin seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.
5. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Chief's Report

- a. The chief's report will be brief, due to the annual report being present tonight. Fire Hydrants/Fire Prevention: Nothing outstanding, this is ongoing. Maintenance on the fire hydrants out at Valle Vista went very, very well. Vehicles: E-321 is out of service. Looks like a larger price, looks like an engine issue, so we are waiting on cost estimates. Our most used engines (E-311 & E-321) will probably a little extra attention probably over the next six to twelve. Staffing: We just finished the promotional process for Captain, Firefighter Joseph Baca was promoted to Captain and externally we hired a firefighter out of Lake Havasu City, Shawn Lawless as a Captain. He is also a paramedic, so that will bolster our paramedic ranks as well. We have firefighter hiring process starting next month. Training: On-going, fire inspection training has been our emphasis. Grants: We did receive a regional grant of \$138,096 for the replacement of portable radios, which was much needed. Revenue: Wildland billing – we are waiting for reimbursement for over \$50,000, it is just a slow process during fire season.

Board Updates: The AG Complaint regarding Open Meeting Law – our attorney has requested that information from the AG, the response from the AG has been they will send it to Donna Aversa when they get to it.

There are several comments tonight and the last few weeks regarding conflict of interest and board members. Our attorney has advised that regarding voting on the contract with Precise Builders, Director Collins recused himself during the *selection* process or *selecting* a contractor, therefore, he did the right thing there. Once it came back and we were voting on the actual contract, the AIA Contract, there was no conflict of interest because Director Collins does not

work for them and has nothing to gain. She did say, if the Board would like to talk to her about that item, because of the contention and the misperception in the public, we could set up a special meeting to discuss that item with her and any others we may wish.

B. Financial Report – No discussion or questions

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE:**

A. Approval of the July Financial Report. Motion was made by Chairman Bailey to approve the July financial report as submitted. Director Bryant seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution 2020-010; Approving the Letter of Appointment of Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District #1 with the Office of the State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Office of the Fire Marshal (OSFM) for the purpose of assisting the OSFM in the enforcement of state laws and ordinances of cities and counties relating to fire prevention and fire protection. Chief Rhoades explained this is common across the state. The OSFM is understaffed, so this gives other government entities the authority to go into government buildings and schools for the purpose of inspections on behalf of the OSMF. We have had this, they just went through a revision process, so this is the update. We have had this in place for some time. Motion was made by Chairman Bailey to adopt Resolution 2020-010; Approving the Letter of Appointment of Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District #1 with the Office of the State Forester, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Office of the Fire Marshal (OSFM) for the purpose of assisting the OSFM in the enforcement of state laws and ordinances of cities and counties relating to fire prevention and fire protection. Seconded by Director Collins. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding the letters titled, “Communication with Those Charged with Governance During Planning” and “Engagement Letter – Audit Services” from Walker & Armstrong for the FY 2019-2020 Annual Audit. We are scheduled for our audit September 21 through 23, 2020 – will be all virtual. This is the same auditor we had last year. Chairman Bailey made the motion to approve the “Engagement Letter – Audit Services” letter from Walker & Armstrong for the purpose of our FY 2019-2020 annual audit. Director Wilkin seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried.

D. Annual Update of the Management Services Agreement. Chief Rhoades reminded the board that last year he advised the board that at the one-year mark in the management agreement he would give them an update. Chief Rhoades presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board reviewing the first year under the Management Services Agreement with the City of Kingman. We entered into this agreement last year on August 6, 2019. Some of the highlights:

- This is an agreement with the City, the Chief works for the City of Kingman, so he serves this role as the Fire Chief at NACFD as well. Our boundaries make it logical.
- From this agreement, it is not just a Fire Chief, but it is the entire staff. Both Assistant Chiefs do the same function for both (i.e. Keith oversees facility and fleet management for the City, he also does the same for NACFD). Two Administrative Battalion Chiefs and three Operational Battalion Chiefs are also utilized in this agreement.
- Over the last year, we have taken staffing & payroll from a paper calendar to Aladtec, an electronic staffing program where we can track staffing and manpower. HR improvements include shoring up Worker’s Compensation and a complete re-write of SOPs. We are now billing for out-of-district calls and wildland fires, to insure we are recovering those funds.
- The staff has written their own Mission, Vision and Values for the District.

- Community/Customer relations along with Regional, State and Federal relations, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreements – worked hard to bring these current.
- Benchmarks – Turnout times has improved tremendously, from a 20% compliance rate when we started to a 60 – 70% compliance rate now. You cannot always control travel times, but you can control dispatch time and how quick we are getting out the door.
- Training – we are at 132 annual hours per member and that is only going to go up by using Target Solutions to track and report training hours and certifications. Documentation was not happening but now it is.
- Finance – making sure that only board members are on all bank accounts and NACFD’s name is on all our invoices and finance accounts.
- Fleet Assessment – developing a maintenance routine and meeting NIMS compliancy.
- Management – complete run card review, complete GIS review, adherence to Standard Fireground Orders
- Annual Testing Completed – respirator FIT testing for all personnel, pump testing on all apparatus, and hose and ladder testing, all completed.
- The liabilities associated with the management and operation of the district has decreased.
- We are providing management and leadership to the District that exceeds the conditions and terms of the Service Management Agreement.

Chairman Bailey commented that he would like to thank all the staff at the City that has helped us out over the last year and also all of our line personnel that has done a fantastic job with the training and all the certs they provided to our District. He feels this has been a huge improvement in the last year over what we have been doing. And thank you to Rhonda in the office, she is our Admin, HR, billing and receiving, everything. She double checks and triple checks everything to make sure every cent is accounted for. She is a huge asset for our District.

Director Wilkin added, “Kudos to Rhonda, she is the best we have ever had in that position. Period.”

Director Bryant added he appreciates the efforts of the Chief and of Rhonda and what they have done for us in the past year. Thank you.

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – The District may, but is not required to, give the public an opportunity to speak to any issue. A.R.S. §38-431.01(H).

Chairman Bailey stated the following for the record:

Call to the public was cancelled due to the guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the recommendation and approval of the Attorney General’s Office, letter dated March 13, 2020, due to the impact of the COVID-19.

Public comments can still be submitted by the public in writing – including your name and address – to the NACFD Fire Administration office either through email or dropped off at the Admin office or by mailing them. Comments must be received by 9:00 am on the morning of the meeting, which was August 20, 2020. All comments will be shared with the Board of Directors and made a part of the public record. Members of the public are welcome to watch or listen to the meeting via Zoom.

We will check with Donna Aversa, our attorney, to find out if this is required going forward.

Public comments were read openly during the board meeting by Chairman Bailey, in the order they were received:

Comment via Email #1 –

Dear Board Members:

I have already expressed my opposition to your budget in a prior email. I find the Board politically tone deaf for spending half a million dollars on a dilapidated metal building that will basically have to be rebuilt; while, at the same time, closing 5 stations during a recession (mostly serving rural residents) – Juniper Hills may as well be totally closed. It appears to me that this district caters to the City of Kingman above we “mere residents” of North Kingman and surrounding rural areas. However, we pay the bills and deserve to be listened to.

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Minutes from Special Meeting of Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District #1 Governing Board Monday, August 10, 2020:

Item 4. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Item A. Discussion and possible approval of the Standard Abbreviated Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, with Precise Builders, Inc. Director Bailey made the motion to approve the contract/Standard Abbreviated Form of Agreement between Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District and Precise Builders, Inc. for the remodel/construction of Station 31, at 2600 Northern Avenue. Director Bryant seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was 4 yes and 1 no; Director Wilkin voted no. Passed by majority decision. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca (Becky) Foster
Resident of District and TAXPAYER

Comment via Email #2 –

Its not bad enough that they are trying to rip off the taxpayers of The NACFD#1, but they are trying to spend almost \$2,000,000,000 to turn an empty Hay Barn into a New Fire Station. Which , by the way, will benefit the City of Kingman far more than it will the NACFD!! But, lets start with Board Director Mike Collins! At the Meeting in July when they voted to accept New Bids for the remodel, Mike Collins stated that he might have a " Conflict of Interest " because he had dealt with some of the contractors that were placing Bids, so he would recuse himself from voting in the upcoming votes. However, in their special meeting on August 10th, 2020, he voted with the rest of the members, with Sue Wilken being the only dissenting vote, Therefore, since it is clearly stated in the previous meeting minutes, that makes that an illegal vote! Also, while they are at it, they have had two letters from the Attorney General's office that they are being investigated for multiple complaints about Open Meeting Law. I would think that they are taking advantage of the Covid closures so they can keep the taxpayers away from the meetings. And as far as the building is concerned, they had 8 years that it has sat empty and they did absolutely nothing with it...then, when it got inspected they found out how many things were wrong with it--and even now, there are things that are not up to code. And, we are headed into the biggest recession ever and they wan't to spend almost \$2,000,000,000 on a Hay Barn instead of reopening stations we already have sitting empty and being supported by people who are getting NO SERVICE!! Get these guys out of there---and get back to bringing back the service they deserve! And take NACFD back from the City!!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brown

Comment via Email #3 –

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Comment via Email #4 –

August 18, 2020

To: NACFD Director Sue Wilkin
RE: Proposed fire station on Northern

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No.

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7664 E Vista Drive
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Director Collins stated that he knows this building is highly contentious, but Bullhead Fire Department went out to bid for a brand-new building, 12,000 sq. ft., just like what we have. Their bids were coming in at \$300/sq. ft. right around \$3.6 million. At the end of this, potentially with the \$1.2 million for the contract and \$500,000 to buy the land/building, we will have \$1.7 million in it, that's \$142/sq. ft. So, to build a new fire station for \$300/sq. ft. and we are doing it for \$142/sq. ft. I think that is a great use of public funds.

Chairman Bailey asked Director Collins to hold his comments to the end, during the Board Comments and Announcements. Director Collins said he believed they could defend themselves and that was all he was doing.

Comment via email #5 –

My name is Arthur Garnica and I live at 3902 E. Packard. In Kingman

I wanted to bring up several concerns to this meeting in Call to the Public.

1. The board approval of the contract at 2600 E Northern Ave. at the Special Meeting of 8/10 was illegal. You were notified that the budget hearing in June was not posted properly, details were provided to the Arizona Ombudsman as an Open Meeting Law complaint. I was notified by the Ombudsman that they are investigating this and other matters about your board. This is a clear case of misuse of public monies by this board.
2. The continued harassment by Jim Bailey, Lynn Hucker, Tim King, Mike Collins and most recently Cody Moore and Jake Rhoades in the form of filing police reports against me is considered harassment. To date, you have filed at least five police reports against me all because I speak out at public meetings. I have also been told to sit down fool, and have been blocked from speaking which is documented in video and audio recordings. John Bryant has told me in writing not to contact him. I believe this is a violation of my civil rights and right to free speech. I have followed your procedures at board meetings and continue to be harassed, while other residents have spoken without an attempt by you to block their speech or file police reports against them. You have also failed to completely add my public comments to the minutes, however you do add other peoples comments such as Rick Veradt's.
3. On July 30, 2020 I observed and videod the structure fire which burned several homes in Butler. Once again, I witnessed and documented unsafe acts by both NACFD1 and Kingman firefighters, particularly the lack of gear while working close to the fire. I keep hearing how safe Jake is and what great training he does by Jim, but the actual fires are a different story. How many times do I have to tell you that our firefighters are being unsafe?
4. I was not surprised to see the information about Jake Rhoades being forced to resign from his previous department in Edmond, Oklahoma for corruption, coercion and hostile work environment. I bet that the board knew but were only too ready to bring him into NACFD1. What kind of dirt does Rhoades have on this board to get such loyal support? Once again, you need to fire this man for not doing his job. You said Wayne Eder was unsafe, which was a lie. Rhoades is totally unsafe and only cares about the city.

Thank you.

Comment via email #6 –

My name is Suzette Eder and I live at 4197 E Trail Ride in Kingman. I am a property owner, taxpayer and voter.

I provided comments at the June 18 budget hearing which was held by this board illegally without proper public notice. The budget you passed on that date is invalid due to the incompetence of this board and contracted chief Jake or John Rhoades. As your budget hearing was not properly posted, your expenditure at the 8/10/20 special meeting of \$1.2 million must be considered a misuse of public monies as you are currently operating without a properly posted and adopted budget. You are forcing an expense on the taxpayers of this district that we do not want, while you have reduced and cut services to the various communities that make up this district. You are placing taxpayers and residents alike at risk in our rural communities as you saddle us with a so-called fire station at 2600 E Northern.

I notified you on 6/18 that I have witnessed numerous safety violations in this district at fires involving both NACFD1 and KFD personnel. On 7/30/20 I witnessed multiple KFD and NAFD1 personnel including battalion chiefs and firefighters operating close to an active fire without any protective clothing. Examples of unsafe acts include walking under water streams and a large pine tree next to the fire with no gear. A photographer standing on a hose next to the fire with no gear. Firefighters operating nozzles with no gear. This is contrary to any basic firefighter training and a serious OSHA violation, thanks to the poor management of this board and Rhoades. I have video footage of this fire, along with the video published by the Bee that clearly shows nothing has improved under Rhoades and our personnel are actually more at risk thanks to his negative attitudes toward safety.

I also understand that Keith Eaton will be closely managing the remodel of 2600 E Northern. As a former contractor, Hualapai Valley employee, and current Kingman employee, I believe this is a clear conflict of interest due to his many ties with the contracting community. This is your notice of another conflict of interest. Tied with Mike Collins flip flopping on recusal then voting on 2600 Northern, this entire project is nothing more than a criminal enterprise.

Finally, I wanted to mention that your narcissist contract chief has a well documented history of corruption, coercion and maintaining a hostile work environment in his prior fire department of Edmond, OK. This board has discredited and attacked a good chief, Eder in favor of this train wreck? You all are an embarrassment to this community. I have attached an article to be added to the minutes as part of my public comment.

Chairman Bailey stated that instead of sending the whole article, there are only a couple of excerpts; since it is not a full story, I'm not going to take the time to read it, because we don't know what the whole story is.

If anyone from the public would like a copy of the call to the public letters or the article that Suzette Eder talks about in her letter, feel free to come into the Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District office at 2470 E Butler Ave and through a simple public records request, you can have a copy of the little bit of an article that she put in there.

Please find the attached emails, as submitted, to these minutes.

8. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Berg commented that Mrs. Eder is trying to beat up on Keith Eaton, to say that there is a conflict of interest there when he believes because he was part of her wedding and now, they are no longer friends, so she is trying to beat him up. In addition, as far as Arthur Garnica goes, and the things he says in our board meetings, he has been told to sit down because he does nothing but cause problems. The other people that stand up and talk actually have a point to make and when they make that point, it is heard. I will also reiterate what Mike Collin had to say about the cost of the building that we are building. I have not been contacted by anybody in the public asking any questions whatsoever about what we are doing, why we're doing it or how we're doing it. I've always had an open phone line and I will always be able to be reached by somebody and I'm willing to talk with them and tell them what is going on. I bet none of them, aside from Wayne Eder who obviously knows and doesn't care and still continues to try to beat us up over it. Nobody else knows there are three different roofs on the current station right now. That's a very unsafe station. We are doing this for the safety of our firefighters along with the service to the community. So, I would just say, I have an open phone line, if people want to contact me, please do so and we will get the story straight.

Chairman Bailey added he would like to encourage the public or anybody who watches this, if anyone calls in and wants to contact any board member and find out what the truth is, instead of all these lies that are being thrown at us that we have been attacked over for the last three and half years. If anyone wants to contact us, administration will give them our NACFD email and I would encourage the public to call us or send us an email. He said he returned a call to a concerned resident and he was able to clear up a few ideas and concerns he had. He welcomes the public's questions anytime. We need to get the truth out there, instead of all these accusations.

Director Wilkin said that a while back, perhaps four months ago, Chief Rhoades clearly stated in an email that if anyone of us Directors are contacted by the public, they are to refer everyone to him, we are not to talk to them.

Chairman Bailey said board members do not get involved with operation issues, that is for the Fire Chief, we are administrative. If someone calls and wants to talk with a board member, you can address that person yourself. What we cannot do is respond to a "blanket email" that goes out to all the board members, that would be a violation of the Open Meeting Law because you are addressing all board members, discussing board business while not in a public meeting. You can respond as long as you are sure you are only responding to that individual and you are not contacting all the other board members or you are in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Director Wilkin stated he should clarify that with Chief Rhoades.

Chairman Bailey said he is aware of it, in a couple of his emails he's made comments that if anybody does receive an email from somebody in the public and it is addressed to everybody, to not answer it. That's exactly what he said and that's the reason for that. Because it is addressed to everybody, if you answer it in a blanket fashion, you are violating the Open Meeting Law. That is actually why he said that. It is true. If you want to respond to something you can, it just has to be you individually with that person. As I referred to that phone call with the resident, it was a fine conversation. I was on the phone with him 10-15 minutes, I answered his questions, he felt a lot better about what I had discussed with him and he was appreciative that Rhonda had passed along his message to me and I had called him back. That is the type of interaction we like to have with the public. Just don't answer a blanket email to anyone of us, or if you address all of us, you are in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

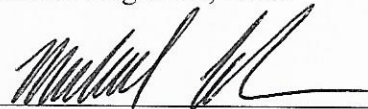
Director Wilkin said okay, thank you.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Wilkin seconded it. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Rhonda Johnson on August 25, 2020.



James Bailey, Board Chairman



Mike Collins, Board Clerk

Rhonda Johnson

From: foster4supervisor@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 11:28 PM
To: Rhonda Johnson
Subject: Comments for Board Meeting 8.20.20

Importance: High

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Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca (Becky) Foster

Resident of District and **TAXPAYER**

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From: Susan Brown <fordlady@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:01 PM
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Rhonda Johnson

From: Rick Veradt <19fatrat48@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Rhonda Johnson
Subject: Continued malfeasance by this board.

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From: Arthur Garnica <arthurgarnica79@gmail.com>
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I wanted to bring up several concerns to this meeting in Call to the Public.

1. The board approval of the contract at 2600 E Northern Ave. at the Special Meeting of 8/10 was illegal. You were notified that the budget hearing in June was not posted properly, details were provided to the Arizona Ombudsman as an Open Meeting Law complaint. I was notified by the Ombudsman that they are investigating this and other matters about your board. This is a clear case of misuse of public monies by this board.
2. The continued harassment by Jim Bailey, Lynn Hucker, Tim King, Mike Collins and most recently Cody Moore and Jake Rhoades in the form of filing police reports against me is considered harassment. To date, you have filed at least five police reports against me all because I speak out at public meetings. I have also been told to sit down fool, and have been blocked from speaking which is documented in video and audio recordings. John Bryant has told me in writing not to contact him. I believe this is a violation of my civil rights and right to free speech. I have followed your procedures at board meetings and continue to be harassed, while other residents have spoken without an attempt by you to block their speech or file police reports against them. You have also failed to completely add my public comments to the minutes, however you do add other peoples comments such as Rick Veradt's.
3. On July 30, 2020 I observed and videod the structure fire which burned several homes in Butler. Once again, I witnessed and documented unsafe acts by both NACFD1 and Kingman firefighters, particularly the lack of gear while working close to the fire. I keep hearing how safe Jake is and what great training he does by Jim, but the actual fires are a different story. How many times do I have to tell you that our firefighters are being unsafe?
4. I was not surprised to see the information about Jake Rhoades being forced to resign from his previous department in Edmond, Oklahoma for corruption, coercion and hostile work environment. I bet that the board knew but were only too ready to bring him into NACFD1. What kind of dirt does Rhoades have on this board to get such loyal support? Once again, you need to fire this man for not doing his job. You said Wayne Eder was unsafe, which was a lie. Rhoades is totally unsafe and only cares about the city.

Thank you.

Rhonda Johnson

From: Suzette Eder <suzetteeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 7:40 AM
To: Rhonda Johnson
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT Please Confirm Receipt
Attachments: Edmond Fire Chief Resigns Following 2-Month Long Investigation.pdf

My name is Suzette Eder and I live at 4197 E Trail Ride in Kingman. I am a property owner, taxpayer and voter.

I provided comments at the June 18 budget hearing which was held by this board illegally without proper public notice. The budget you passed on that date is invalid due to the incompetence of this board and contracted chief Jake or John Rhoades. As your budget hearing was not properly posted, your expenditure at the 8/10/20 special meeting of \$1.2 million must be considered a misuse of public monies as you are currently operating without a properly posted and adopted budget. You are forcing an expense on the taxpayers of this district that we do not want, while you have reduced and cut services to the various communities that make up this district. You are placing taxpayers and residents alike at risk in our rural communities as you saddle us with a so-called fire station at 2600 E Northern.

I notified you on 6/18 that I have witnessed numerous safety violations in this district at fires involving both NACFD1 and KFD personnel. On 7/30/20 I witnessed multiple KFD and NAFD1 personnel including battalion chiefs and firefighters operating close to an active fire without any protective clothing. Examples of unsafe acts include walking under water streams and a large pine tree next to the fire with no gear. A photographer standing on a hose next to the fire with no gear. Firefighters operating nozzles with no gear. This is contrary to any basic firefighter training and a serious OSHA violation, thanks to the poor management of this board and Rhoades. I have video footage of this fire, along with the video published by the Bee that clearly shows nothing has improved under Rhoades and our personnel are actually more at risk thanks to his negative attitudes toward safety.

I also understand that Keith Eaton will be closely managing the remodel of 2600 E Northern. As a former contractor, Hualapai Valley employee, and current Kingman employee, I believe this is a clear conflict of interest due to his many ties with the contracting community. This is your notice of another conflict of interest. Tied with Mike Collins flip flopping on recusal then voting on 2600 Northern, this entire project is nothing more than a criminal enterprise.

Finally, I wanted to mention that your narcissist contract chief has a well documented history of corruption, coercion and maintaining a hostile work environment in his prior fire department of Edmond, OK. This board has discredited and attacked a good chief, Eder in favor of this train wreck? You all are an embarrassment to this community. I have attached an article to be added to the minutes as part of my public comment.