

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021**

The Governing Board of the Northern Arizona Fire District met this 21st day of October 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting at the Fire Administration Building at 2600 E Northern Avenue, Kingman, Arizona.

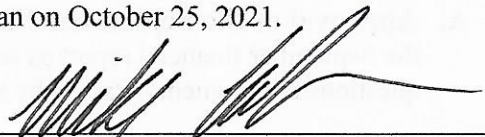
1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chairman Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Board members present: Chairman Jim Bailey, Director John Bryant, Director Sue Wilkin, and Director Sue Brown. Absent: Director Mike Collins.
4. **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) – None.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Director Bryant moved to approve the consent agenda containing the following minutes as submitted. Seconded by Director Wilkin.
Special Meeting minutes of September 13, 2021,
Executive Session minutes of September 13, 2021,
Special Meeting minutes of September 16, 2021,
Executive Session minutes of September 16, 2021,
Regular Meeting minutes of September 16, 2021,
Special Meeting minutes of October 4, 2021,
Executive Meeting minutes of October 4, 2021, and,
Special Meeting minutes of October 13, 2021,
Passed by unanimous decision.
6. **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chief's Report – Chairman Bailey referenced each of the reports in the Board's packets as submitted by Chief and staff.
 - B. Financial Report – No discussion.
 - C. Correspondence – No discussion.
7. **UPDATE ON BOUNDARY CHANGE/NEW DISTRICT FORMATION.** On October 18, 2021, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors voted to deny the circulation of petitions for the formation of the proposed new district.
8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE:**
 - A. **Approval of the September Financial Report.** Chairman Bailey made the motion to approve the September financial report as submitted. Director Wilkin seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. Passed by unanimous decision.
 - B. **Executive Session – Legal Advice.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), Director Wilkin moved that the Board go into executive session for discussion or consultation with the attorney for NAFD regarding Arthur Garnica's letter of September 20, 2021 and for discussion or consultation with the attorney for NAFD regarding the status of the Certificates of Participation to finance NAFD's unfunded PSPRS liability. Seconded by Director Bryant. Motion passed unanimously. The Chairman reminded everyone present

regarding the confidentiality of executive sessions. The Board returned to regular meeting at 6:26 pm.

- C. Mohave County referral of Arthur Garnica's letter of September 20, 2021.** The Board reviewed Arthur Garnica's letter, including attachments, dated September 20, 2021 sent to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors requesting an investigation into use of NAFD (then NACFD#1) insurance to defend NAFD and its then Board members in litigation filed by Arthur Garnica and others. Mohave County declined to take action and referred the letter to the NAFD Board. The lawsuits included Garnica's and Rick Veradt's 2019 lawsuit against NAFD and its then Board members. On September 30, 2019, Judge Jantzen entered final judgement dismissing all claims against NAFD and its Board members. Chairman Bailey made the motion to deny Arthur Garnica's request for an investigation and to direct NAFD's attorney to write Mr. Garnica notifying him of the denial and request that Mr. Garnica put an end to his frivolous complaints. Seconded by Director Bryant. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2021-007 Authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this solution and ratifying all actions taken to further this resolution with regard to PSPRS.** This item is postponed to the next regular meeting on November 18, 2021.
- E. Discussion and Review of Engagement letter – Audit services from Walker and Armstrong.** The engagement letter for NAFD's auditors was submitted for the Board's approval. Chairman Bailey made motion to approve Walker & Armstrong's engagement letter. Director Wilkin seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. Passed by unanimous decision.
- F. Discussion of federal funds awarded from FEMA Grants Outcomes.** The District received an award through the FEMA Grants Outcomes regarding covid-19 supplies. As a condition to this grant, the district would need to contribute non-federal funds equal to or greater than 5% of the federal funds awarded, or \$3,942.49 for a total approved budget of \$82,792.20. Chairman Bailey made motion to approve acceptance of the award. Director Wilkin seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. Passed by unanimous decision.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Director Bryant requested looking into possible annexations into the district.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Wilkin seconded it. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and posted by Paris Schuman on October 25, 2021.


James Bailey, Board Chairman


Mike Collins, Board Clerk