

ORACLE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 15, 2013

The following are the minutes of the Oracle Fire District Board meeting, held on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Present: Chairman Bud Bristow, Board members, John Doran and Ellie Brown, Bill McMurry, Oracle Resident appointed to fill the vacated OFD Clerk position and to be sworn in at this meeting, Outgoing OFD Clerk Charlotte Poole, Administrative Chief Tina Acosta, and various members of Certs/Firewise and of the public. Board member Manuel Navarro and Interim Fire Chief Larry Southard were absent.

Meeting was officially called to order at 6:07pm.

#1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public responded.

Chairman Bristow stated that he thought there would be members of the community who wanted to talk about the Coronado National Forest Mastication project, completed in Oracle Unit 5 (Forest land on the south eastern corner of Oracle; between Mt. Lemmon Hwy and S. Cody Loop). He called upon Charlotte Poole to give an update on the project area. Poole stated that she had recently walked the area with a friend, local landscaper Chuck LeFevre, and that he was impressed with the work. He said that it hadn't stripped the land, but just "chunked" it and that it would grow back, and that it looked like it really needed it. The timing was the only real issue, as it is currently nesting season. Chuck said that it should be good for years before they have to come back and do it again. It's not going to be long-term harmful to the environment.

#3. SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER BILL McMURRY

Chairman Bristow read a welcome letter and then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. William (Bill) McMurry. Introductions amongst board members took place. Outgoing OFD Clerk Poole handed over to Mr. McMurry the AFDA book and a binder complete with all paperwork she had collected from December 1, 2012.

OFDBM McMurry stated that it was an honor to be in this position and he thanked everyone who contributed to his nomination.

Photos were taken.

#4. EMPLOYEE MATTERS

OFDBM Doran made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss employee matters. OFDBM Brown seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in agreement with the motion. 6:15pm

Ms. Poole requested to make one last statement, which was that the positions of Chairman and Clerk needed to be re-nominated, in open session, as they had just lost the Clerk. OFDBM Doran asked where this was written. Ms. Poole said she didn't remember, but that she had read

that when the board loses one position, both positions need to be re-nominated, just as a formality. Chairman Bristow said that they could do this when they come out of Executive Session.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tina Acosta