

# ORACLE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 2013

**APPROVED 6/17/2013**

The following are the minutes of the Oracle Fire District Board meeting, held on Wednesday May 29, 2013.

Present: Chairman Bud Bristow, Clerk Bill McMurry, Board members, John Doran and Manny Navarro, Ellie Brown, Interim Fire Chief Larry Southard, Administrative Chief Tina Acosta, and various members of Certs/Firewise and of the public.

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

#1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#2 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rachel Opinsky of Oracle and the Oracle Firewise Board Co-Chair spoke requesting an explanation of why the board did not publicize the list of candidates for the Fire Chief's position, as does other public organizations. OFDBM Brown responded that the information could possibly have been obtained by inquiring in the front office. OFDB Chairman Bristow responded that some of the candidates requested to remain anonymous, due to present employment situations.

At 6:10pm, OFDBM Doran made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. OFDBM Navarro seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

At 6:45 pm, the board returned from Executive Session. OFDBM Doran made a motion to return to regular session. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

OFDBM Doran made a motion to discuss the Fire Chief position. OFDBM Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

OFDB Chairman Bristow emphasized that there were four excellent applicants, whom the board interviewed. Using the information they had obtained through NCIS, they performed background (criminal, MVD & credit) checks and interview references. The board was adamant that this hiring process be as clean and thorough as possible.

OFDBM Doran made a motion to appoint Larry Southard as Oracle Fire District Fire Chief. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. OFDB Chairman Bristow stressed that this was, indeed, a unanimous decision by the

board and that they had no reservations about hiring Larry Southard as the best candidate for the position.

OFDB Chairman Bristow asked Chief Southard if he had any comments. Chief Southard thanked the board for their hard and diligent work and said they would make a great team. He is excited about working to move the Oracle Fire District forward. OFDBM Brown thanked the public for their patience throughout the process.

OFDBM Doran made a motion to adjourn. OFDB Clerk McMurry seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted May 30, 2013,

Tina Acosta – Administrative Chief