

ORACLE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY / DECEMBER 17, 2012

The following are the minutes of the Oracle Fire District Board meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Present: OFD Attorney Donna Aversa, Board members; Bud Bristow, Ellie Brown, John Doran, Charlotte Poole and Manny Navarro, one administration employee, Tina Acosta and five members of the public and reporter, John Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was officially called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Chairman Bristow read the following statute to those present: *Pursuant to ARS 38-321.02, ARS 38-431.03 and ARS 38-431.05, the Oracle Fire District Board will meet in a Public Session which may include an Executive Session as indicated that begins at approximately 6:00 p.m. on December 17, 2012.*

CALL TO PUBLIC

Attorney Aversa: When addressing the board, members of the public must identify themselves along with their residence address for the purpose of proper record keeping.

Dianne Crayton of 824 Coronado Ridge Rd. Oracle, AZ: Requested that meetings be posted on the electronic board. While the meeting notices are posted on the official website, many people do not have access to a computer.

Ned Creighton of 824 Coronado Ridge Rd. Oracle, AZ: Requested that all board members have name plates for easier identification for those that attend the meetings.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DETERMINE AN INITIAL TIMELINE OR OTHER PLAN TO APPOINT OR HIRE A FIRE CHIEF

Mike Snyder of 551 N. Oakcliff Ct. Oracle, AZ.: Questioned why was it necessary for the board to go into executive session to discuss this item.

Chairman Bristow indicated that it was a decision made by the board to do so.

Chairman Bristow motioned to go into executive session for legal advice. Motion was seconded by OFDBM Ellie Brown.

All board members approved/ayed the motion.

Executive Session was called at 6:20 p.m. with the OFD Board retiring to the Day Room

Meeting was called back to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bristow.

Motion made by Board member OFDBM Ellie Brown: To leave Larry Southard as the Interim Fire Chief as his present qualifications and past duties leave the town of Oracle in good hands. Due diligence requires fiscal responsibility by the OFD Board in reviewing the budget and having our records audited. No outside committee will be formed in the search for a Fire Chief as the OFD Board will remain responsible in the search and selection of the Fire Chief.

Motion was seconded by OFDBM John Doran.

CLARIFICATION of motion question asked by Dianne Crayton of 824 Coronado Ridge Rd., Oracle, AZ: So the motion has a total of three together?

OFDBM Ellie Brown: Yes, to leave Larry Southard as the Interim Fire Chief, OFD needs to follow through with fiscal responsibility first before any decision could be made, and that there would be no outside committee formed.

All board members approved/ayed the motion.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mike Snider of 551 N. Oakcliff Ct. Oracle, AZ: Asked if the board realized the qualifications of Interim Fire Chief Southard and why was it that he was appointed Interim Fire Chief? Is there a time frame established as to when he would be appointed as Fire Chief?

OFDMB John Doran answered that the audit, training and education for the board were necessary in order to make the best decision and that the upcoming conference in January would be a great resource to see what process other fire departments were doing.

Reporter John Hernandez for the San Manuel Miner asked if the job was going to be open to the public?

Chairman Bristow indicated that there had not been a decision made at this time.

Pat Hardin of 755 N. Church Drive, Oracle, AZ.: Would the residents of Oracle be able to notify you what our concerns are for the fire chief?

Chairman Bristow: Yes, at any open meeting.

OFD Clerk Charlotte Poole: The next OFD Board meeting will be held on January 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

OFD Clerk Charlotte Poole: Motioned to have the meeting adjourned.

Motion was seconded by OFDBM John Doran.

All board members approved/ayed the motion.