

MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
Central Yavapai Fire District Board of Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2021, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive,
Prescott Valley**

In-Person Attendance

Darlene Packard; Dave Tharp; Kathy Goodman; Matt Zurcher; Scott A Freitag; Susanne Dixon

Remote Attendance

Dane Beck; Pete Gordon

Not In Attendance

Nicolas Cornelius

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Central Yavapai Fire District Board of Directors and the general public that the **Central Yavapai Fire District** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, January 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley, Arizona.** The Board may vote to go into Executive Session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the District's Attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Zurcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Zurcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) and as a matter of policy, the Central Yavapai Fire District Board has decided to allow public comments as time permits. Therefore, those wishing to address the Board regarding an issue within the jurisdiction of this public body may do so in an orderly manner that includes completing a Call to the Public Form and submitting it to staff for the record. If a written statement is being read, please provide a copy to ensure it is entered into the record accurately. Individuals will be limited to speak for three (3) minutes and Call to the Public shall not exceed 15 minutes per meeting.

There were no public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding Central Yavapai Fire District

Board Vacancy

Chief Freitag stated that due to the passing of Director Wasowicz the Board needs to fill the fifth seat, and Staff would like direction on where and how long to post for the vacancy.

Director Beck joined at 3:01 p.m. via Zoom.

Chair Zurcher suggested a two-week application period with 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2021 being the due date, and a meeting for interviews scheduled the week following. Director Beck inquired as to why the rush. Chair Zurcher replied that he would like to have the seat filled before the upcoming CAFMA Board meeting so that CAFMA may then appoint their fifth member on February 22, 2021.

Chair Zurcher inquired as to whether the Board was good with advertising on the website and through social media and word-of-mouth. Directors Packard and Gordon responded in the affirmative.

Director Gordon inquired as to the options available within state law, if any, regarding appointment vs. a special election. Chief Freitag responded that there are not options; whomever is appointed will remain on the Board until the next election. Director Gordon replied that due to the country's current interest in politics, he was concerned with the optics. Chief Freitag stated that he is able to check with the Agency attorney.

Chief Tharp noted that the only stipulation he is aware of is if the Board were to refrain from appointing a new member in the allotted 90 day time period, then it would fall to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors to appoint on behalf of the CYFD Board. He added that the District has had people serve for only a few years and then resign, but it was the individual's decision, not the Board's.

Chief Freitag spoke with Attorney Cornelius and reported back to the Board that the attorney's interpretation is that the statute only allows for an appointment as Fire Districts do not have the ability to hold a special election.

Direction to Staff is that the application period will be two (2) weeks long with applications due by 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2021. A special meeting to conduct interviews and possibly select a new member will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

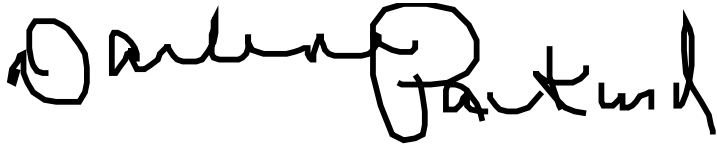
Motion to adjourn at 3:13 p.m.

Move: Darlene Packard Second: Pete Gordon Status: Passed

Yes: Darlene Packard, Matt Zurcher, Dane Beck, Pete Gordon

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Darlene Packard , Board Clerk 03/23/2021