

Harquahala Valley Fire District Board
Minutes for Special Meeting
December 8, 2014
6:00 PM

The Harquahala Valley Fire District Governing Board (HVFDB) convened in a Special Meeting on Monday December 8, 2014 at the Harquahala Valley Fire Station located at 51501 W. Tonto Street Tonopah, AZ

Chairperson Judy Henderson called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was given by all in attendance. Roll call, those present were Charles Main, Clerk, Harry Thomas, Chairperson, Judy Henderson. All sitting Board Members were present.

(Agenda item #3) Ratify an action of the HVFDB that may have been taken in violation of the Open Meeting Law on December 1, 2014. Chairperson Judy Henderson explained the vote pertaining to the selection of the new Board Chairperson and Board Clerk was taken after Board member Charles Main took his oath of office but prior to that oath being notarized. Motion was made by Board Member Harry Thomas to ratify the action, seconded by Board Member Charles Main, call for vote.

Vote was taken and passed

Charles Main	Yes
Harry Thomas	Yes
Judy Henderson	Yes

(Chairperson Judy Henderson apologized for taking agenda items out of order)

(Agenda item #2) Call to Public

Mrs. Gomez (representative of the "Power Plant") elaborated on her remarks from the last meeting, encouraged the New Board to include the community, work towards transparency, preservation and operation of the District.

Mrs. Bigbey (resident) expressed disappointment that Board Member Charles Main was not nominated for Clerk or Chairperson. Hopes everything will change, and that the Board will take the time to consider the community. She said you can count on her for future committees.

Mr. Haas (resident) notes that two of the Board Members are not performing their fiduciary duty, by not signing invoices and checks. He states vendors are calling about payment. He says there are two actions being considered against "you" one from Firefighters Union and one from the Administrative Assistant. In his opinion "you two" should resign.

Mr. Bigbey (resident) asks the Board what they were doing to move forward. He would like the Board write something up that shows the Boards intentions for everyone to see. He feels the board should not be all appointees and that the people should have a voice.

Mr. Haynes (resident) concurs with Mrs. Gomez and to show transparency the Board should entertain either a community committee to review letters of interest for board openings or special election for those positions. He feels that having four appointees to the board is "non-transparent"

Chairperson Judy Henderson states that during the recent election cycle there were two openings for Board Members and that the public had opportunity at that time to run. She states: we are going to move forward.

(Agenda Item #4) Acceptance of Resignation letters submitted by Frank Haas (10/16/15) and Russell Smith (10/16/16). Chairperson Judy Henderson: we are going to accept the resignation letters, Board Member Charles Main: Makes a motion that we accept the resignation letters of Frank Haas and Russel Smith on the dates submitted, seconded by Board Member Harry Thomas, call for vote.

Vote was taken and passed

Charles Main	Yes
Harry Thomas	Yes
Judy Henderson	Yes

(Agenda Item#5) Declaring two (2) board positions open; (1.) Term: December 1, 2014-2018 (2.) Term December 1, 2012-2016 and establishing process for recruitment and selection. Chairperson Judy Henderson states this process is being structured by the Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) and the **HVFDB** Bylaws. Potential candidates should turn in a letter of interest along with a short summary of their background, include their address and contact information. She stated potential candidates must be a registered voter and a resident of **HVFD**. Chairperson Judy Henderson remarked that Board Member Charles Main suggested at a past meeting that potential candidates present their voter registration cards during this process. Chairperson Judy Henderson suggested this could be a privacy issue and suggest that perhaps a list of registered voters of the district be obtained. Board Member Charles Main had no objection to this.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding how best to select potential candidates that would be agreeable to all concerned with all sitting Board Members and full audience participation. The result of this discussion is the Openings for Two Members will be posted at all **HVFD** posting locations on December 9, 2014. This posting statements will include but not be limited to Potential candidates turning in a letter of interest along with a short summary of their background, include their address and contact information. Potential candidates must be a registered voter and a resident of **HVFD**. The length of both terms of office and a deadline for receiving by 5:00 PM. December 19, 2014. The candidates can give those to Renee Haynes via her email address rhaynes@hfdaz.org or at 51501 W. Tonto Street Tonopah, AZ. Renee Haynes will see the board gets all letters of interest at the next **HVFDB** Meeting scheduled December 19, 2014. The community committee including four residents of the District, **HVFD** Fire Chief and a **HVFD** firefighter to review and make recommendations from the letters of interest for the new board members will be formed pending approval by the District Legal Counsel. The **HVFDB** will see the community committee gets the letters of interest on December 19, 2014 after approval from counsel and will ask for their recommendations on **HVFDB** Meeting December 29, 2014. Motion by Board Member Harry Thomas to vote on the result of this discussion, seconded Board Member Charles Main. Call to vote

Vote was taken and passed

Charles Main	Yes
Harry Thomas	Yes
Judy Henderson	Yes

Motion to adjourn Board Member Charles Main, seconded Board Member Harry Thomas. Call to vote.

Vote was taken and passed

Charles Main	Yes
Harry Thomas	Yes
Judy Henderson	Yes

Meeting Adjourned 7:07 PM.