**San Simon Fire District**

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San Simon Fire District

Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, at the San Simon Fire Station, 2249 W. Firehouse Lane, San Simon, AZ 85632.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman Reynolds.

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Governing Board: Chairperson R.C. Reynolds – Present

Clerk of the Board Pati Fickett – Present

Board Member Fernando Guzman - Present

Administration: Chief John Novak – Present

Captain Heather Lentz – Present

Wildland Division Chief Chris Anthis – Present

Firefighters/Support:

Michele Larned Mike Craft

Victoria Anthis Chuck Fickett

Aaron Edwards Luke Ebright

Bryce Ruiz

Guests:

None

Via Phone: Donna Aversa, San Simon Fire District Attorney

1. CALL TO PUBLIC:

Chief Novak – Employee Recognition: Victoria Anthis – Passed National EMT Registry Exam

“Congratulations to Victoria!”

Luke Ebright presented Chief Novak with 3 Laptop computers donated to SSFD by Robert Ebright.

Wildland Division Chief Anthis: Wildland Fire Program Report: Since the May 13, 2025 meeting the District has responded to another 2 incidents, Bryce and Greer, generating an additional $28,756.36 in Net Profit, bringing the total Net Profit to $184,228.88 since the Wildland Fire Program inception.

1. NEW BUSINESS - REVIEW/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:
2. ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-0002 – PERSONNEL WAGES:

Chief Novak presented Resolution 25-0002 – Personnel Wages Structure,

Fire Chief - $65,000.00 per year, FF/Fire Prevention Specialist - $15.00 per hour, w/ Inspector I, II and Plans Evaluator - $16.00 per hour, (Effective Date May 28. 2025)

Wildland Wage Structure (Paid when deployed on Wildland Fire Program.) Wildland Division Chief - $31.00 per hour (Upon Completion of B2501 Lease), Engine Boss - $30.00 per hour (Effective Date May 28, 2025), Firefighter 1 - $20.00 per hour, Firefighter 2 - $19.00 per hour (Upon Completion of B2501 Lease).

Mrs. Fickett moved to Adopt Resolution 25-0002, Personnel Wages.

Mr. Reynolds seconded.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mr. Reynolds | X |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS ITEM C WITH THE FIRE DISTRICT’S ATTORNEY DONNA AVERSA, FOR LEGAL ADVICE:

Board did not deem it necessary to go into Executive Session to discuss Item C.

No action was taken.

1. PROBABLE NEED FOR REPAIR OR OPTION FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE(S) FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT:

Chief Novak presented information concerning the need to repair/rebuild/replace the transmission in the1988 fire truck leased by the San Simon Fire District from County Line Fire Department.

Chief Novak also presented information on purchasing newer fire truck(s) in California, which would be owned by the SSFD, as an option to repairing the older truck. Brian Settles, DBA Brian’s Fire Apparatus Repair, submitted an estimate to travel to Fresno, California and perform Annual NFPA Inspections on two 2001 Central States/HME Pumper Trucks to evaluate the condition for possible purchase.

After discussion and review of options;

Mr. Reynolds moved to approve Brian Settles, DBA: Brian’s Fire Apparatus Repair, to travel to Fresno, California and perform Annual NFPA Inspections on two 2001 Central States/HME Pumper Trucks for possible purchase, as per Estimate #124.

Mr. Guzman seconded,

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mr. Reynolds | X |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. THE PURCHASE OF NEW RADIOS FOR THE WILDLAND FIRE PROGRAM – *BUDGETED LINE ITEM*:

Chief Novak presented a Five Year Radio Replacement Plan with 3 portable and 2 mobile radios with accessories planned for purchase this year.

Wildland Division Chief reported that the wildland crews were experiencing trouble with the older Motorola Radios being incompatible with the newer radios in use by the Forest Service and other agencies and companies in the field, putting the crews in jeopardy of missing vital communication.

A quote was presented from 49er Communications for 3 Portable and 2 Mobile RELM BK Radios, plus necessary accessories for $20,923.30.

Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the purchase of 3 Portable and 2 Mobile Radios plus accessories not to exceed $20,923.30.

Mr. Guzman seconded.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mr. Reynolds | X |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

1. SET TIME AND DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Mr. Guzman moved to table scheduling another special meeting pending receiving additional information.

Mrs. Fickett seconded.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mr. Reynolds | X |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2025.

1. ADJOURN:

Mr. Guzman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Fickett seconded.

Motion Passed

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| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Mr. Reynolds | X |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Fickett | X |  |  |  |
| Mr. Guzman | X |  |  |  |

Chairman Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Submitted Respectfully By: Pati Fickett

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Patricia Fickett, Clerk of the Board Date