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MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING December 14, 2010

Call to Order/Roll Call/Affirmation of Quorum

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Northwest Fire District Training Facility Conference Room, 8165 N. Wade Road, Marana, Arizona.

Present: George Carter, Chairman
Richard Nassi, Vice Chairman
Bruce A. Kaplan, Clerk
Anka Mischel
Bill Daniell

Absent: None

It was determined a quorum existed with five of five members present.

Salute to the Flag of the United States of America

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Carter.

Presentation of Service Awards

- International Critical Incident Stress Foundation in recognition for outstanding contributions – Cynthia Dowdall
- Academy class 2010-01 (1 year completion of probation status) – Dave Brashwell, Nicko Countouriotis, John Harshbarger, John Young, and Lucas Anderson
- 5-year service – Mike Brandt, Paul Wright and Heathre McAlees
- 10-year service – Stuart Rodeffer and David Villareal
- 15-year service – Leigh Foss, Eric Hoffman, Richard Martinez and Brent Mobbly
- 30-year service – Jeff Piechura
- Company 31-C Unit Citation – Dave Villareal, Robert Synasael, Collin Wyckoff, Nicko Countouriotis
- Training Unit Citation – Ian Cassidy, Steve Noble, Fernando Canez, Richard Martinez, Sean Culliney, Angellina Ortiz and Sylvia Sepulveda



- EMS Unit Citation – Brad Bradley, Dave Padilla, Heath Evans, Robert Corbell, and Ryder Hartley
- TSS Unit Citation – Paul Wright, Chris Buchanan, Marco Vidal and James DeVoy
- Station 31-B Award of Bravery – Jose Gonzalez, Tom Krinke, J. J. Johnson, and John Young
- Heritage Award – Larry Bear
- Rookie of the Year – John Harshbarger
- Employee of the Year – Lisa McCoy
- Seat Belt Pledge – Accepted by Stuart Rodeffer and Kyle Canty on behalf of Eric Jones
- Firefighter of the Year – Ian Cassidy

Public Forum

Kyle Canty, President of Local Union 3572, welcomed the two new Governing Board members and congratulated everyone for the awards received. He reported that the Union held the “Stuff the Fire Truck Campaign” at the Foothills Mall over the past two weekends and collected new toys, non-perishable food, cash donations and clothing that will assist over 250 needy families within NWFD.

James D. Schuh made the following comments regarding the upcoming PGA Golf Tournament:

- After speaking with two financial officers, he was told that an additional 20% to 30% should be charged for overhead to cover employee training and other associated costs or NWFD would be acting as a broker.
- Off-duty NWFD employees are representing and acting on behalf of the District.
- Employees should be paid when payment has been received from the PGA and not with taxpayers’ revenues.
- Because the event will not be held within NWFD boundaries, this could possibly be in violation of the gifting clause.
- He did not object to the event but felt it needed to be handled as a business and full-costs recovery received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of the November 16, 2010, Regular Governing Board Meeting

Approval to Renew the Contract (previously IFB No. 0806) with Tee Time Printed Apparel for the Purchase of Silkscreened Uniform Items for a One-Year Contract with Option for Up to Three Annual Renewals not to exceed \$50,000 in a Twelve-Month Period (now IFB No. 0806A)

Approval of Agreement and Addendum with the Arizona Department of Transportation – Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) for Authorization to Receive Motor Vehicle Records from MVD via the Motor Vehicle Record Request System (MVRRS), Free of Charge

Approval to Award Bid for Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 1005 to be Awarded to Valley Schools Management Group for an Employee Benefits Consultant for the Plan Year 2011/2011, to be Effective December 15, 2010

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to approve items A and C on the December 14, 2010, Consent Agenda as presented; we are pulling out B and D for discussion later.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Piechura commented that the December staff reports will be combined with the January meeting because there were only seven days of reporting in December.

Finance Director's Reports – This report is a summary of the District's Financial Status including: Monthly Board Financial Report, Monthly Disbursements Report, Revenue and Expenditure Reports, Real Estate Tax Revenue Spreadsheets, Lease-Purchase Escrow Account Status, Monthly Bond Report and Arizona State Land Billing and Payment Reports. The Board will be asked to approve the District's Monthly Disbursements Report

Phyllis Schumacher remarked that the October report and November disbursements were included in the packet; there was no discussion.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to approve the District's monthly disbursements report as presented.

CAMINO DE MAÑANA III ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to discussion of this item, Anka Mischel recused herself from the dais at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion on the Camino de Mañana III Annexation Boundary Change Impact Statement; Possible Discussion Concerning the Character of the Property and the Impact of Bringing it into the District

George Carter made the following motion; the motion died for lack of a second:

Move to open the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Chief Piechura explained that because Rural Metro Corporation will be discontinuing services in the area, NWFD was requested to seek possible annexation. Rural Metro has less than 30% subscribers and can no longer provide services without adding additional facilities and personnel. Over the past five years, NWFD has been providing private service contracts for several area residents at their requests; the cost is the current tax rate plus an additional 25%.

A large wall map was provided and the boundaries discussed that encompasses approximately 12 square miles and about 650 parcels north of Cortaro Road and I-10. Depending on assessed values, property taxes are anticipated to increase from 50% to 300%.

Chief Piechura discussed the following:

- NWFD is not obligated to annex the area and has been requested to do so by Rural Metro and several area residents.
- The area is low density; located north of Cortaro and I-10, north above Tangerine, west of Camino de Oeste and east of I-10.
- E-mails were included in the packet from residents in favor of and against the annexation.
- The primary fire stations to service the area include the following 3 engine companies, 12 daily firefighters and paramedics:
 - Fire Station 37 – Dove Mountain
 - Fire station 38 – Camino de Oeste and Cortaro Road
 - Fire Station 39 – Tangerine/Thornydale
- Fire Station 40 is planned for I-10 and Camino de Mañana area when the Red Point Development begins.
- Rural Metro will be decertifying their 9-1-1 default mechanism for fire emergencies in the area and for north of Moore Road and Tangerine Road.
- Emergency medical services will be provided by Rural Metro and Southwest Ambulance (SWA).
- Rural Metro's response times are 15 minutes 90% of the time and 30 minutes 100% of the time.
- Rural Metro's closest ambulance service is at Linda Vista and Thornydale.
- NWFD does not provide ambulance service.

Assessed property valuation:

- 2010 assessed property valuations are approximately \$26,700,000; potential revenue to NWFD – \$600,000
- Property taxes will be due in 2012 based on assessed valuations from 2011.
- Valuation is anticipated to decrease to \$19,800,000 in 2011; estimated revenue received in October, 2011 is projected at about \$431,000.

There was discussion between Chief Piechura and several Board members regarding the following:

- Approximate cost to complete this annexation would be between \$7,000 and \$10,000 plus staff time; smaller areas are less
- Rural Metro offered services of their employees to take petitions to those who have not returned a petition.
- Per State law, islands cannot be created by annexing around properties.
- Residents could create their own fire department in lieu of annexation.
- The area does not have fire hydrants; there are no codes to mandate hydrants.
- Residents are responsible for maintaining roadways not maintained by the county and making sure a fire engine (9 feet wide) can have access to a residence.
- A current water tender would need to be deployed to respond until a new tender could be purchased in 2012 from tax revenues received.
- Responding to a non-resident structure fire is about \$6,000; recovery costs are almost \$10,000. A lien could be placed on the property until payment received.

Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Camino de Mañana III Annexation

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Bill Daniell and approved unanimously with four ayes; Anka Mischel was recused:

Move to open the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Ben Mc Nitt's questions and concerns were:

- He requested a rate comparison between NWFD and Tucson Fire Department.
- He emphasized the importance of having fire protection and understood the financial hardship of higher property taxes for those who have large land parcels.
- He felt that if any discounts were to be given, they should be granted to every property owner no matter how many acres were owned.

Chief Piechura stated that a comparison was not available and discussed the various tax structures of the City of Tucson.

Dr. Eric Cramer's questions and concerns were:

- He owns 19 acres and asked what the cost would be per acre.
- Who determines property valuation?
- Who provides service to the hotel; is it an island?
- Is the area north of Tangerine annexed into NWFD?

Chief Piechura explained:

- For every \$100,000 of assessed valuation, the cost is about \$246.
- The County Assessor's Office determines property valuation.

- The NWFD responds to the hotel on an as-needed basis; it is not currently annexed into the District.
- The hotel is not an island in itself and is billed for services.
- Dove Mountain community is annexed into NWFD.
- Tangerine/Moore Road areas are being proposed for annexation.

Grey Carpenter asked if the fee cost of \$6,000 to respond to a non-resident structure fire was anticipated to increase. He encouraged the residents to consider what they would spend over the next 10 to 20 years in property taxes and what they would spend on a structure fire.

Chief Piechura explained that the current fee schedule is 12 years old and would be updated in January; the fee is anticipated to increase to about \$10,000 for a non-resident call. Chief Piechura remarked that NWFD is not required to respond by law but would respond if available and if not already on a District call.

Roland Weaver's questions and concerns were:

- Rural Metro's rate is \$530; his taxes will be \$900 more with an annexation.
- He asked for an explanation of the difference in costs.
- He currently has a contract with NWFD; his renewal rate will be \$1,200.
- If assessed values decrease, will NWFD's fees remain the same?

Chief Piechura explained:

- Rural Metro's rates are based on square footage; NWFD's rates are based on assessed property valuation.
- The Arizona State Legislature establishes the taxing structure for all governmental entities for municipalities, special districts and counties.
- Taxing authority is predicated upon services for assessed value and parcel improvements.
- NWFD's tax rate is determined annually by the Board through the budget process by reviewing the budget from staff and holding public hearings in May and June.
- Current levy is approximately \$25,400,000 which can be increased or decreased by the Board; the county sets the rate based upon the assessed value.
- Current assessed value is about \$1.1 billion; next fiscal year, the valuation is anticipated to decrease to \$1 billion.
- If the levy remains the same, rates will automatically increase even if assessed values decrease. The current levy has remained the same for the past three years.

In response to Kathy Stewart asking what the average response times and the ISO ratings were, Chief Piechura explained that response time is about five minutes from the time the engine leaves the Fire Stations at Cortaro Road, Tangerine Road or Dove Mountain; paramedics are on each engine. The ISO rating in an area with fire hydrants is 3, and in a non-hydrant area, the ISO rating is 6.

David Loehrs' questions and concerns were:

- Why is NWFD's taxes much higher than Mt. Vista Fire District and Golder Ranch Fire District?
- How are you going to convince 51% of the people to sign onto NWFD's tax rate?
- There will still be an ambulance transportation bill even if NWFD responds.
- What will you provide and do for us to justify the rate increase?
- He felt this would be an uphill battle to annex the area.
- If he signed the petition and the annexation failed and he has an emergency, will he be billed by NWFD?

George Carter commented that SWA will bill for emergency services no matter what fire district you are with. The increase in cost is the way NWFD sets up its operations and what the District residents have requested.

Chief Piechura remarked:

- Mt. Vista is located on Overton and Shannon, and they do not want to extend services any further west than they already are.
- NWFD is an internationally accredited organization that has had a third party review of services.
- NWFD is 1 of 150 fire districts nationally that:
 - Excels in services for medical and fire services provided and deployment of trucks to get to the scene
 - Conducts surveys and comments brought back to the Board that are considered at budget sessions.
 - NWFD is part of a regional response system for large incidents, such as, freeway incidents.
- Mt. Vista does not have hazmat or technical rescue teams or the special services offered by NWFD.
- NWFD has been found to be one of the best fire districts within the State and has certified employees who train other agencies.
- If taxes are reduced, services will need to be reduced.
- NWFD has 10 fire stations within a population of 125,000 residents covering over 145 square miles.
- There are three fire stations near the proposed annexed area; no other fire agency can provide this service.
- If the annexation does not move forward and there is an emergency call, the individual(s) will be billed for services even if they signed the petition in favor of the annexation.

Chief Piechura further commented that NWFD is offering an opportunity to receive services, but it takes 60 to 90 days to get a request before the Board for a hearing. An additional fee is added to a private contract because of the gift clause.

Mr. Carter emphasized that the community needs to come together and decide if they want to approve the annexation; the Board can only approve the annexation process. NWFD is attempting to help the area residents because they will not have any fire protection service once Rural Metro pulls out.

Stan Martin's questions and concerns were:

- Is it correct that NWFD's medical calls are about 85%?
- He was concerned that NWFD does not transport even though there are paramedics on the truck, and they still had to wait for Rural Metro to respond and pay their fee for transport.
- Has NWFD petitioned to have ambulance service?
- What is the percentage of saving structures?

Chief Piechura explained:

- In 1988, response time from a private ambulance company was 20 minutes; NWFD only had basic EMTs on the engine at that time.
- The Board voted to have paramedics on the engines so medical treatment could begin in about five minutes from the time the engine left the station especially in cardiac emergencies.
- NWFD has four rescue transports in the event an ambulance company cannot respond, but State law prohibits NWFD from transporting as an ambulance service because SWA holds the Certificate of Necessity (CON).
- There has only been one fire district in the State of Arizona that has received a CON in a competitive area.
- NWFD has not applied for a CON but has considered it.
- Regarding saving structures, NWFD's goal is to contain the fire in the room of origin which is successful more than not successful. This depends on the home construction, how long the fire was in progress prior to receiving the call or if the fire was intentional or accidental.

Richard Nassi noted that, before Flowing Wells merged with NWFD, they applied for a CON and failed which cost approximately \$1.5 million.

Phillip Young's comments and concerns were:

- He does not have a problem with NWFD; he cannot afford the increase.
- He is on a fixed income and would have to make drastic lifestyle changes.
- Needs to try and talk with the community to keep everyone in an affordable price range and stay within their incomes.

Bob Bourcard's questions and concerns were:

- He is in the same financial situation like others in the community who are retired.
- What will this annexation do?
- Will we get to vote on the annexation?
- Are there going to be petitions?

- The letter received said the rate was \$2.12.
- Why can't NWFD cut back on wages, truck purchases and building new fire stations?

Chief Piechura explained:

It is an annexation/petition process. Upon approval to move forward with the process, petitions will be mailed to all property owners. If they are in favor of the annexation, they will sign and mail the petition back to NWFD. We need more than 50% of the property owners and more than 50% of the assessed value for the annexation to succeed. There is a tax rate plus a bond rate for a combination of \$2.46.

Debbie Griff's questions and concerns were:

- How many fire stations does Mt. Vista have to respond to a house fire?
- How many fire stations does NWFD have?
- Taxes will continue to increase as more fire stations are constructed.
- NWFD has a much larger area, more fire stations and more employees to handle responses compared to Mt. Vista.

Chief Piechura explained:

- Mt. Vista currently has two fire stations; one station is located on Overton and Shannon and the second station is located on McGee and Oracle; their building on Thornydale is now an ambulance facility; paramedics are on their engines.
- NWFD has 10 fire stations; 3 stations can respond within 5 minutes. We have an auto aid agreement with Golder Ranch Fire District and Picture Rocks Fire District who also have paramedics on their engines.

William Burger's questions and concerns were:

- Is the higher costs associated with a water tender that needs to be in the area?
- Once we have fire hydrants, the tender will not be as necessary.
- Is this one of the reasons it is costly?
- Is there a way to tap into the wells to lower the costs?
- Are the tenders 15,000 gallon tanks?
- Some roadways have tight corners, has this been looked into?

Chief Piechura explained:

- The costs involved are for doing business and is spread out over 145 square miles.
- The water tender will be purchased directly from the annexation revenues received at the same rate everyone else pays.
- Not all areas will be able to have fire hydrants because of lack of water; a water tender will be required for response.
- Water tanks (wells) need to be of sufficient size to qualify for possible insurance breaks; sprinklers in the home could also aid in reduction of insurance costs; he recommended speaking with their insurance company.

- A possible rebate program for installation of sprinklers might be an item on next month's agenda.
- Each water tender can carry a total of 6,000 gallons.
- If a cement truck can fit around the tight corners, a water tender will also have room on the road. Our team will make sure our truck turning radiuses are appropriate for the area.
- Being able to tap into a well, could qualify for an insurance reduction. The current ISO rating for the area is 9; with an insurance break, it could go as low as 3.

Russell Klawann's questions and concerns were:

- Is the vote 50% plus 1 of the people and the assessed value?
- If 52% of the owners want to annex, but property owners do not, then does the assessed value equal a certain value amount?
- It is not democracy, it is democracy and dollars.

Chief Piechura explained:

- It's the property owners and more than 50% of the assessed value.
- If more than 50% of the home owners sign the petition and they are residences only, it would carry the value.

Grey Carpenter spoke again about the following:

- How do the taxpayers hold NWFD accountable if the area is annexed?
- Are there extra costs for specialty responses?

George Carter encouraged residents to attend Board meetings and commented that the Board members are elected officials. Richard Nassi remarked that the Board is elected by the public, members serve at no fee, and they answer to the will of the people; concerns can also be made on the website. NWFD is permanent and cannot leave the area like Rural Metro will be doing.

Chief Piechura clarified that there are no additional charges for specialty responses if the area is annexed into the District.

Paul Di Caro questions and concerns were:

- He did not feel there was any doubt that the home owners want this service, it is that they cannot afford the increases.
- He asked the Board to consider a rebate for the people who do not use the service if the area is annexed.
- His taxes would increase an additional \$750 per year on the assessed value and asked for a \$75 rebate if he does not use the services.
- He felt there would be 20% more positive votes if a rebate would be considered.

Chief Piechura commented that if a home has sprinklers, there is a possibility of receiving a tax rebate on the value of that system.

Wayne Smith's questions and concerns were:

- He is on a fixed income, and four years ago his land was worth three times what it is today, and taxes are not decreasing.
- We do not have a choice to do anything else. If you do not have fire protection, you cannot sell the home.

Chief Piechura remarked that he understood the financial difficulty it places on the residents, but it is an Arizona State Fire Policy that County Fire Departments are not an option. In other states, if you do not have a fire district or municipality, a county fire department will provide services. In Arizona, there are private companies that offer these services, and this is the result of what happens when a private company withdraws from subscription services. This is the first time this has occurred within Pima County.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Bruce A. Kaplan and approved unanimously with four ayes; Anka Mischel was recused:

Move to close the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

During discussion of the motion, Bruce A. Kaplan noted that this is not an "empire building exercise". The Board members and most employees are District residents. He felt this was a difficult decision to vote either way on the annexation, and it has been done with much compassion. He felt that Chief Piechura felt strongly about what the District has to offer and what it will mean to the community.

Richard Nassi mentioned that he realized the residents want to know the facts of what it will cost to join the District in order to make a decision and are in a difficult position because of Rural Metro leaving the area. If the Board agrees to send out petitions, he requested that the petitions give a factual sheet about the cost to each home owner, what changes there could be to their insurance costs, all the services NWFD provides and to be as informative as possible.

Chief Piechura explained that a separate letter has been mailed that stated what their taxes would be based on 2011 values; the petition itself does not contain any information other than the signature. He did not know what their insurance value would be; this will need to be determined by their companies.

Approval of Camino de Mañana III Annexation Boundary Change Impact Statement for the Annexation of an Area Located East of Interstate 10 and North of Cortaro Farms Road in Pima County; and Authorization of Circulation of Petitions

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Bruce A. Kaplan and approved unanimously with four ayes; Anka Mischel was recused:

Move to approve the Camino de Mañana III Annexation Boundary Change Impact Statement for the annexation of an area located east of I-10 and north of Cortaro Farms Road in Pima County and the authorization of circulation of petitions.

BUSINESS

Anka Mischel rejoined the dais at 7:49 p.m.

George Carter requested that agenda item VI., Tab Nos. 1 B and 2 D, be discussed as the next two items; there were no objections.

Approval to Renew the Contract (previously IFB No. 0806) with Tee Time Printed Apparel for the Purchase of Silkscreened Uniform Items for a One-Year Contract with Option for Up to Three Annual Renewals not to exceed \$50,000 in a Twelve-Month Period (now IFB No. 0806A)

Richard Nassi expressed concerns with the increase in pricing from last year and questioned if purchases could be made from all three vendors for lowest bid per item, per vendor. DC Emans explained this is the last year for renewal of the current contract, and the price increases were due to raw materials increases. If all three bidders are utilized, there will be a 50% increase in maintenance of the contracts and added staff time. Tee Time was the lowest bidder with a 12% increase; there are no quality or delivery issues with this company. Copies of the three bids were provided in the packet.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved with four ayes; Richard Nassi voted nay:

Move to approve the renewal of the Contract (IFB No. 0806) with Tee Time Printed Apparel for the purchase of silk-screened uniform items for a one-year contract with the option for two additional years not to exceed \$50,000 in a 12-month period.

Approval to Award Bid for Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 1005 to be Awarded to Valley Schools Management Group for an Employee Benefits Consultant for the Plan Year 2011/2011, to be Effective December 15, 2010

Patricia Aguilar welcomed the new board members. She explained that the Board approved going out to bid for this item at the November 16 meeting; the following four consulting firms submitted bids and made presentations to staff on December 8:

- The Segal Company – \$40,000, additional fees would be added if we wanted to go out for RFPs to provide dental and health insurance
- Valley Schools Management Group – \$33,480
- CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services (our current carrier) – \$69,693
- The Mahoney Group – Commission or negotiate a fee for service after award of bid

Ms. Aguilar remarked that current benefits would be maintained while transitioning to Valley Schools Management Group; NWFD is considering becoming self-insured for dental and also considering Delta Insurance.

Chief Piechura commented this would be for plan year 2011. One protest was received yesterday from our current company alleging that Valley Schools would not be responsive to NWFD's needs. A response was sent to the company; we plan to continue forward with the process.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to approve award of Bid for Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 1005 to be awarded to Valley Schools Management Group for an Employee Benefits Consultant for the Plan Year 2011, to be effective December 15, 2010.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Approval of the Disclosure Statement of Meeting Notice Posting Locations for Northwest Fire District Governing Board Meetings and Local Pension Board Meetings for 2011

Thomas Benavidez explained that this item was discussed at the September Board meeting to consider the legal options of identifying the District's website as one of its official posting sites for meeting notices. He recommended to continue posting on the website but not to identify it as one of our four official physical posting locations because of technical problems. Chief Piechura commented that it could take up to 48 hours for the public to view a posted item on the website depending on the abilities of their IP provider.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Bill Daniell and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to approve the Disclosure Statement for filing with the Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and for posting on the District's website.

Discussion and Possible Action to Receive the Tangerine/Moore Boundary Change Impact Statement and Set an Annexation Hearing concerning Property Located West of Thornydale Road and North of Tangerine Road in Pima County, Arizona; Possible Discussion Concerning the Character of the Property and the Impact of bringing it into the District

Chief Piechura explained that this area is located within the Town of Marana in the Butterfly Mountain Ranch development that mainly consists of vacant land with some residential structures. Most of the lots are in receivership, and requests have been received from the banks to annex the area in order to move forward with the sale of the properties. A large wall map was provided and the boundaries pointed out and discussed. The area would primarily be serviced by Fire Station No. 39 on Tangerine and Thornydale.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to accept the Boundary Change Impact Statement for the Tangerine and Moore Annexation area and to set a date for a Public Hearing on the matter for 6:00 PM MST on January 25, 2011, at the next Fire Board Meeting.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2010-045 Approving the Saguaro Forest at Dove Mountain Annexation of Property Located South of Dove Mountain Boulevard and West of Secret Springs Drive

Chief Piechura explained that this is a single property owner signature annexation that has been requested by the property owner; a hearing is not required nor to have petitions signed. The Landmark Title Assurance Agency of Arizona submitted a letter requesting the annexation on behalf of the Cottonwood Development. The 2010 secondary assessed value is estimated at \$514,058. Based on the current combined tax rate, revenue in 2012 is anticipated at \$12,490. About 120 homes, with sprinklers, are anticipated to be built.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to adopt Resolution No. 2010-045 ordering the Saguaro Forest at Dove Mountain Annexation.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Standby Agreement between Northwest Fire District and the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour from February 21, 2011, through February 27, 2011, for the District to Provide Standby Emergency Medical Services for the 2011 Accenture Match Play Golf Championships at Dove Mountain in Marana

This item was tabled.

Executive Session, Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) & (4), for Discussion and Consultation with the Governing Board's Attorney for Legal Advice regarding the Next Agenda Item

Richard Nassi made the following motion, seconded by George Carter and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to go into an Executive Session, Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) & (4), for discussion and consultation with the Governing Board's attorney for legal advice regarding the next agenda item.

Invited to attend the Executive Session were: Chief Piechura, Assistant Chief Brandt, Patricia Aguilar and Carla Reece. The meeting recessed at 8:29 p.m. and reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding a Notice of Claim Made Against the District by the Family of Brandon Schultz Who Was Killed when His Vehicle Caught on Fire as He Drove Westbound on I-10 on June 24, 2010

Richard Nassi made the following motion, seconded by George Carter and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to direct staff to cooperate with the District's insurance provider to defend the claim.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Election of Northwest Fire District Governing Board Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk) for One-Year Terms for 2011, Effective December 14, 2010

Patricia Aguilar commented it was time to elect new Board officers for one year.

Richard Nassi made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to elect George Carter to serve as Chairman of the Northwest Fire District Governing Board for a term of one year for 2011, effective December 14, 2010.

Richard Nassi made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to elect Richard Nassi to serve as Vice Chairman of the Northwest Fire District Governing Board for a term of one year for 2011, effective December 14, 2010.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to elect Bruce Kaplan to serve as Clerk of the Northwest Fire District Governing Board for a term of one year for 2011, effective December 14, 2010.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Appointments to Serve on the Northwest Fire District Local Pension Board and Designation of Northwest Fire District Local Pension Board Chairman for One-Year Terms for 2011

Patricia Aguilar explained that a representative needed to be appointed from the Governing Board and to serve as the Chairman; both positions were formerly held by Lee Mellor. Chief Piechura commented that an annual meeting will be held in January that will include the annual audit. Additional meetings would be scheduled as needed to discuss employees who are retiring and individuals with medical issues.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Bruce A. Kaplan and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to appoint Bill Daniell to fill the Northwest Fire District's Local Pension Board – Governing Board member position and Dr. John Pedicone and Chief Piechura to fill the other two appointed positions for a one-year term beginning in January, 2011.

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to appoint Bill Daniell to serve as Local Pension Board Chairman.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future Agenda Items [A Governing Board Member may bring forth general topics for a future meeting agenda. The Governing Board may not discuss, deliberate or take any action on the topics presented, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 (H).]

Discussion and possible action to approve reconsideration of the NWFD's policy when responding to out-of-district calls and the effects this has on the residents

Discussion and possible action to approve a calendar showing activities for upcoming events

ADJOURNMENT

George Carter made the following motion, seconded by Anka Mischel and approved unanimously with five ayes:

Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Northwest Fire District Board at its January 12, 2011, Special Governing Board Meeting.

Bruce A. Kaplan
Clerk of the Board