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BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY SESSION**

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jeanne Finney, Denny Meyers and Nancy Sewell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Marty Bowin and George Kattermann

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh, and Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobs; Rio Verde Fire District

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, June 30, 2022, Emergency Session of the Board of Directors was called to order by Board Clerk Jeanne Finney at 11:10 a.m. in the Alexander Building Board Room, Rio Verde, Arizona 85263.

II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioners Finney, Meyers and Sewell were present (Commissioners Finney and Sewell attended by phone). Commissioners Bowen and Kattermann were not present.

III. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The District's Certificate of Posting was presented, certifying that the meeting's agenda had been posted by Captain Josh Johnson at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. This certificate was posted at the fire station, Rio Verde Post Office, Rio Verde Community Center, the Tonto Verde Community Center, and on the District and Trilogy websites.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no Public present.

V. DISCUSSION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-01 REGARDING THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH RVFD AMENDMENTS.

Fire Marshal Cavanaugh explained to the Board that, in the last Board meeting, we were awaiting an answer from the State Fire Marshal (SFM) regarding approval of the Fire Code and a question about Section 2306. The SFM responded to the question by directing the removal of RVFD amendments to 2306, which was done. In his correspondence, he also mentioned RVFD amendments to Section 109 regarding Board of Appeals even though his previous comments about this section had already been addressed.

FM Cavanaugh explained the SFM seemed to be concerned that the proposed RVFD appeals process could be less restrictive than in the 2018 IFC. He wanted a more restrictive approach but didn't expressly state what that would be. FM Cavanaugh explained that he believed what the SFM was wanting was for the Fire Board to use a subject matter expert whenever an appeal comes before the Board. To address his concerns, FM Cavanaugh stated that he responded by utilizing the wording from Arizona Fire and Medical Authority's (AFMA) 2018 IFC amendments because he knew that the SFM had already approved AFMA's version. This was acceptable to the SFM and he sent a letter approving the latest version of the RVFD amendments submitted.

FM Cavanaugh explained that the appeals process was shortened from 8 lines to 5 and had taken away specifics about when the Board meets, what they'll do, etc. To demonstrate this, Commissioner Meyers read line 5 of the appeals process: *"If the appeal is denied, the applicant shall comply with the requirement(s) of the fire code or file an appeal with the District Governing Board within 30 calendar days from the date the appeal is denied."*

Because this item was not discussed in the last Board meeting, FM Cavanaugh wanted the Board to be aware and to ask that Resolution 2022-01 remain the same but that the Board accept the SFM approved RVFD amendments with the new appeals format. The effective date of the 2018 IFC code adoption would remain July 1, 2022. The effective date would be reflected in the footer of the amendments rather than on the Resolution document itself.

Commissioner Meyers moved that the State approved amendments be accepted for Resolution 2022-01. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Sewell and passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Meyers moved that the meeting adjourn at 11:18 a.m. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Sewell and passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Chris Cavanaugh, Fire Marshal