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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Marty Bowin, Jeanne Finney, George Kattermann, Dennis Meyers, and Nancy Sewell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Jay Ducote, Fire Marshal Chris Cavanaugh (by telephone), and Administrative Manager Jennifer Jacobe, Rio Verde Fire District; Resident Scott Krushak

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, May 6, 2021, Special Session of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson George Kattermann at 8:00 a.m. in the Rio Verde Community Board Room located at 18816 E. Four Peaks Blvd.; Rio Verde, Arizona.

II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

All commissioners were present.

III. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The District's Certificate of Posting was presented, certifying that the meeting's agenda had been posted 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.

This Certificate of Posting was made in conjunction with the rules of fire station visits.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

V. FIRE STATION FLOOR PLAN OPTIONS

Chief Jay Ducote led discussion on the fire station floor plan options. Since construction costs had risen since original approval, CORE and Perlman were asked to provide different options for a smaller fire station to fit into the established budget.

Option 1:

- 1. 9700 sq. ft., 2 ½ bays
- 2. Frame construction on entire fire station
- 3. Estimated budget, not including appliances, fitness equipment and office furniture
- 4. Total \$3,884,000
- 5. Option to have block apparatus bay \$137,000
- 6. Total \$4,021,000 with block bay

Option 2:

- 1. 9200 sq. ft., 3 bays
- 2. Frame construction on entire fire station
- 3. Estimated budget not including appliances, fitness equipment and office furniture
- 4. Total \$3,772,000
- 5. Option to have block apparatus bay \$143,000
- 6. Total \$3,915,000 with block bay

Chairperson Kattermann noted that with shifting the station on the lot to avoid flood control issues, as well as changes in the County requirements after CORE resubmitted plans, the District will no longer need a retaining wall or five feet of fill. This will result in an estimated \$200,000 savings.

Chief Ducote will check on the cost of flood insurance for the new station.

Commissioner Bowin warned that the Board should not get too caught up in seeing "wants" as "needs" when creating the new station. He added that though planning for the future is important, expenses must be kept within budget.

Discussion was heard on where station costs could be cut and the footprint made smaller, while maintaining the needs of the station and responsibilities of the District.

Regarding purchase of a new fire engine for F/S #442, Commissioner Bowin offered his opinion that a used engine (with a better pump capacity) could be used for a few years until a new engine could be purchased.

Chief Ducote indicated that items originally on the budget could be cut to meet the \$4.7 million figure. He will work with CORE/Perlman and inform the Board on a continual basis.

<u>Commissioner Meyers moved that the District accept CORE's Option 2, 9200 sq.</u> <u>ft., three bays and frame construction. That motion was seconded by</u> <u>Commissioner Sewell and passed unanimously.</u>

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Sewell announced that Scott Krushak would be the new deputy chief, with a start dated of June 1, 2021.

VII. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

There were no additional chairperson's comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

<u>Commissioner Bowin moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:46 a.m. That motion</u> was seconded by Commissioner Sewell and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

7. A Lavis

Libby Floyd Davis My Personal Secretary (From Voice Recording)