

## CCIFD Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2009

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The Chandler County Island Fire District (CCIFD) governing board met in a properly posted open public meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. The meeting was held at the City of Chandler Fire Department Administrative Offices, located at 221 E. Boston Street, Chandler, Arizona.

The following agenda items were considered at the meeting:

- A. The meeting of the CCIFD board was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board Chair Hurley.
- B. Roll Call: Mr. Ed Hurley, Ms. Ruth Coleman and Mr. Jeff Gerber in attendance.

**Item 1:** Review and approval of the governing board meeting minutes of December 18, 2008 (CCIFD #09-001):

Motion by Hurley / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleman: To approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting; Passed Unanimously 3-0-0.

**Item 2:** Call to the Public.

None.

**Item 3:** Consideration of issues concerning an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for fire services to be negotiated with the City of Chandler pursuant to ARS §48-853 (CCIFD #09-002):

There was general discussion amongst the board members, Attorney Lee Miller and Consultant John Flynn concerning the draft intergovernmental agreement presented by the City of Chandler for review. Specific discussion was held concerning the cost items listed in the attachments. Consultant Flynn presented a preliminary budget to illustrate annual costs for the CCIFD based upon the draft IGA. The board listed items they wished addressed during negotiating for the IGA.

Specific discussion was held concerning the various tax classes used by the state to determine property tax burdens. Ms. Coleman would like the issue of vacant property and or raw land addressed as to the amount these properties pay in comparison to those with homes and structures built upon them. There was general discussion about the Arizona property tax system and how it affects the CCIFD.

Motion by Hurley / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerber: For Coleman to investigate changing the tax assessment ratio for vacant property and report back to the board; Passed 3-0-0.

**Item 4:** Consideration of issues concerning an intergovernmental loan agreement with Maricopa County for the purpose of funding essential district services deemed necessary and appropriate to carry out its powers and duties (CCIFD #09-003):

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Miller and Flynn discussed with the board the progress to date concerning efforts to secure an intergovernmental loan through Maricopa County.

Discussion only – no action taken.

**Item 5:** Consideration of issues concerning the establishment of a revolving line of credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for the purpose of funding essential district services deemed necessary and appropriate to carry out its powers and duties (CCIFD #09-004):

Flynn discussed the line of credit process for the CCIFD, explaining Wells Fargo was the only commercial lender from the county treasurer's bid list with interest in lending to the district. There was discussion about the need for a credit line and the costs associated with establishment. Flynn advised the earliest the credit line could be established was July 1, 2009 as taxing authority was not granted for the CCIFD until then.

Discussion only – no action taken.

**Item 6:** Consideration of issues concerning the acquisition of general liability and public officials management liability insurance policies and coverage pursuant to ARS §48-852.A.12 (CCIFD #09-005):

Flynn discussed the components in acquiring the various insurance policies for the board. Miller provided the board with a summary of the necessity of the insurance coverage and progress to date. The acquisition of insurance is not possible until the intergovernmental loan is completed. Flynn distributed insurance coverage information.

Discussion only – no action taken.

**Item 7:** Consideration of a policy for managing the “call to the public” agenda item at CCIFD board meetings (CCIFD #09-006):

Flynn presented the board a policy for managing the call to the public segment of board meetings. Miller advised the board on open meeting law issues. There was general discussion amongst the board concerning the policy.

Motion by Hurley / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerber: To adopt the board meeting policy as presented; Passed 3-0-0.

**Item 8:** Consideration of designating lobbyists for the purpose of developing and advocating changes to current county island fire district statutes to facilitate the improved administration and governance of the CCIFD (CCIFD #09-007):

Miller explained the efforts currently underway to address various items within the state's county island fire district law. Miller also addressed the board the laws concerning lobbying and lobbyists. Miller and Flynn represent the Gilbert CIFD as lobbyists in the efforts to address the county island fire district issues. There was general discussion amongst the board concerning issues facing county island fire districts and statutory compliance.

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Motion by Hurley / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coleman: To designate Lee Miller and John Flynn as lobbyists for the CCIFD; Passed 3-0-0.

**Item 9:** Consideration of items for the agenda of the Chandler County Island Fire District's next regular scheduled meeting (February 11, 2009) and or a special meeting called by the governing board for the purpose of carrying out its powers and duties (CCIFD #09-008):

- Development of a web site.
- Acquisition of a phone line.
- Intergovernmental loan from Maricopa County.
- Fire services IGA report.
- Property tax report.

**Item 10:** Announcements.

None.

**Item 11:** Adjourn.

Chair Hurley adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

CCIFD meeting minutes approved: February 11, 2009.

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Edward R. Hurley, Board Chair

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Ruth Coleman, Board Clerk

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Jeff Gerber, Board Member