



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Yucca Fire Department
Minutes
12349 Frontage Road
Yucca, AZ 86438
SPECIAL SESSION
September 10th, 2020

1. Call to Order- By Chairman Richard Knowles at 2:08 PM

2. Roll Call of Members-

a) Kayla Carr Board Member (Clerk); Richard Knowles, Board Member (Chairman)

3. Pledge of Allegiance-

a) Led by Kayla Carr (Clerk)

NEW BUSINESS:

4) Rural Metro Representative will be presenting a proposal for Rural Metro and Yucca Fire Department.

5) Rural Metro questions and answers with the members of the public and the Yucca Fire Board

a) Richard Knowles handed the conversation to Rural Metro representative Brian Davis to address the members of the public.

b) Rural Metro Rep gave some background to their company and how their past incidents are in the past and all he can do is prove it to the people of Yucca.

c) Members of the public addressed the following concerns:

- Replacement of Yucca's current staff to include the Assistant Fire Chief.
- Possible displacement of groups like the Yucca Food Pantry, the Legion, the Friends for Yucca.
- If there would be a change to the taxes in Yucca.
- Concerns about Rural Metro's past history (like complaints against Rural Metro).
- Possible Subscription Fees.
- Possible problems with double or incorrect billing.
- Possible replacement of the Yucca Fire Board members.
- Possible chance of doing a Forensic Audit for the Yucca Fire District.
- Possible Mutual Aid (Running calls with neighboring Fire Departments) conflicts or issues.
- AMR stationed/housed at the Yucca Fire District station 1.
- Possible increased cost to house AMR at the Yucca Fire Station.



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4-5) Rural Metro questions and answers with the members of the public and the Yucca Fire Board
Continued:

a) Rural Metro Representative Brian Davis addressed the concerns of the public. Brian Davis stated that this would not be a takeover of the Yucca Fire District this would be similar to a management agreement and they would only supply one person a Battalion Chief to help the department get on tract and to assist the board.

b) Brian Davis also stated that they are not the right choice to take over or run this department but we could do a contract to supply an Officer to help sort the mess out in the Yucca Fire District.

c) Brian Davis also addressed that all the staff members to include the Assistant Fire Chief and the Yucca Fire Board members would stay in place and nothing with the running of the department would change. Also the groups would still meet at the station because nothing would change. The subscription fees would still be decided by the Yucca Board.

d) Brian Davis also stated that Government entities are not allowed to sell anything of value and that everything must be put through an auction. He stated that they (Rural Metro) view their service to be something of value and that is why they charge subscriptions. He also reminded the public that none of this would apply to Yucca since they would only supply one member with the contract they will purpose.

e) Brian Davis also stated that the reason he wants to help Yucca is that he wants to help his neighbors, especially since he was a Chief with Lake Havasu Fire Department. Brian Davis also recommended that we (Yucca Fire) reach out to our neighboring departments to see if they could lend us (Yucca Fire) a hand. Brian Davis stated that there would be no problems with running mutual aid calls again since they (Rural Metro) would only supply one member.

f) AMR representative stated that Yucca might be good place to house an Ambulance but it would be very expensive and if they did it most likely wouldn't be for full time.

g) Richard Knowles asked Kayla Carr if she had any further questions for the Rural Metro Representative. Kayla Carr stated no, the public already addressed her concerns and Kayla Carr then stated that her main concerns were about possible displacement of current staff and the possible conflicts with the neighboring Fire Departments and that she would like to talk to the representatives from the other departments to get their input.



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7) Call to the Public:

a) The Call to the Public was held throughout the whole meeting.

8)Adjourned: Richard Knowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kayla Carr 2nd, Carr-Yea; Knowles-Yea; Motion carried. Adjourned at 3:41 PM

The Rural Metro Proposal to be attached and posted with these minutes.

I, _____ of the Yucca Fire District, do hereby swear that I posted the foregoing Minutes at the water tower located in Yucca on Frontage Road, District's Fire Station #1 on Frontage Road, and "R" Burger Joint on Frontage Road, on this Date and Time: _____,2020 @ _____ A.M/P.M

I, _____ of the Yucca Fire District, do hereby swear that I posted the foregoing Minutes at the Yucca Fire Department web site www.yuccafire.com on this Date and Time: _____,2020 @ _____ A.M/P.M

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