

Mohave Valley Fire Department
November 28, 2018

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Clerk Morabito @ 15:00, Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Clerk Morabito, Kevin Ward, Robert Lane, and Cindy Christy. Chairman Evans was absent. There is a quorum.

Agenda approval – Mrs. Christy made motion to approve agenda and Mr. Ward seconded motion. Motion carried.

Call to the Public - None

Minutes Approval – Mr. Ward made motion and Mrs. Christy seconded approval of Minutes of October 24, 2018. Motion carried.

Financials Approval – Mrs. Christy made motion and Mr. Ward seconded approval of October Financials. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS PUBLIC SESSION

Chief Harmon gave discussion about 2019 VFA Grant -

This Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant is solely used for wildland fire equipment and is given by the Arizona Department of Forestry. This is a maximum grant of \$20,000 with a \$10,000 matching funds (or 50% match to whatever amount is received.) Chief Harmon was requesting the allocation of Capital Funds for our part of the match. This would be used to start replacing 10-15 year old mobile radios in the Type 6's & Type 3's. It is calculated that we should be able to get 6-7 radios & mounting hardware with this grant. Kevin Ward made motion to meet 50% match of the grant that we receive. Mrs. Christy seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Harmon regarding FMIT –

The meeting was cancelled that was supposed to happen in October. The Tribe had a meeting on Tuesday, November 27 and decided they would like to sit with Chief Harmon and meet again. They recognize the importance of having Station 82 opened and are trying to figure out how they can meet the original financial obligation request we originally gave them. Mrs. Christy wanted it noted that an increase of 22% is the lowest amount of an increase that she would be happy with. Mrs. Christy would like to table this motion and Mr. Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Canvass November 2018 Election –

Mohave Valley Fire Department thanked Mr. Robert Lane for his 12 years of service to our District. Mrs. Christy made motion to accept findings of Election Department. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Prevention –

Fire Marshal Gibson updates the Board about the Prevention Department – Wildland Crew has been here for the last two weeks and have been working really hard. Because of them being here, our firefighters have been able to get their Sawyer Certificates completed as well. Next project is on Calle Del Media and Jerome to Ann and to Mesquite. All the Mesquite wood will be separated for the FMIT and let them use it for their funerals. This is being paid for from the FMAG Grant (\$40,000) with MVFD having a \$10,000 matching grant.

Final inspection for the sprinkler system for the Tribal Wellness Center and it passed with flying colors. Captain McShea had some radios donated from Phoenix for us. They need a little work, but are working. Captain McShea also secured a grant from WACEMS for our iPads. They need a little work, but are working. They performed a flow test on the Tribal Water System by the Wellness Center and the water is flowing at 2400 gallons/minute in the residential area it is 2800 gallons/minute.

Three hydrants have been installed at Willow Valley so far.

Chief Harmon -

Let the Board know we ran 140 calls total for the month of October with 104 being at Station 81. There are still issues with the Image Trend System we are trying to work out. This is because we are working with Bullhead City Fire with this program to try and save the District money. If we cannot make progress then our Plan B will be presented to the Board next month. Captain Francis has the crews training in Extrication Training with donated vehicles.... If you are a certified Faller for Wildland, there are more requirements for these to also be Sawyers which means using a chain saw for 4 hours and coming back with all 10 digits on the body intact. At the Blue Card Training – there were discussions about more Incident Command Training. MVFD is in the process of bringing our level of training to a higher level. All the Departments and Districts in Mohave County who are involved in this Training are doing it because of our County Mutual Aid Program. This is to keep our Emergency Situations at the place where we all speak the same ‘language’. Captains and Chief Officers are going through this Training. It is 60-70 hours of online training and then some didactic training after the online portion.

Chief Martin-

The Halloween Carnival was attended by more people this year than last year. This is good because the funds from the event help to fund our Christmas for Kids Program.....There have been 3 significant fires in Needles over the last month. The guys did a great job!..... Still awaiting the results of the Audit..... The County Attorney does not want to renew our IGA with them to help us with the Weed Abatement Program. There was discussion regarding that situation. Chief Martin invited the Board to our MVFD Christmas Party on Friday, December 7th at 3:30 pm.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn at 3:42 pm and Mrs. Christy seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Letcher, Financial Specialist.