Mohave Valley Fire Department November 18, 2020

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Christy @ 3:00pm; Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Chair Christy, Ms. Watson, Mr. Clavir and Mr. Ward are present. Mr. Evans is absent. There is a quorum.

Agenda approval – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Clavir Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Ms. Watson made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes of October 21st; Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the October 2020 Bills and Financials. Mr. Clavir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Motorola Solutions Offer sale of Repeater and Voted Receivers: Fire Marshal Gibson informed the Board about the need to upgrade our outdated radios and equipment. Motorola Solutions has proposed a solution that will address MVFD needs by providing a new GTR8000 repeater, and voted receiver for the TAC11 site. A new voted receiver will be added at Station 82 to address the current portable coverage issues. This equipment should last a minimum of 15 years. Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Motorola Solutions proposal. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **B.** Laughlin/Bullhead Airport thank you: Mohave Valley Fire Department received a Thank You letter from Jeremy Keating, Director of Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, for our Crews assistance at the Trump Rally/Visit.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Fire Marshal Gibson: Fire Marshal Gibson reported that he has been working on radios and ISO. The burn ban was lifted so he has been busy with Burn Permit Inspections. He also informed the Board that he had received a copy of the Ordinance from the County Board of Supervisors that was passed regarding weed abatement. The ordinance still doesn't give the Department any direction or authority in regards to enforcement. Fire Marshal Gibson is trying to contact the Chief Building Official to discuss the Ordinance in more detail in order to resolve our ongoing weed abatement issue.

Chief Harmon: Chief Harmon reported that positive COVID 19 cases are going up but our District remains on the lower end of it. We currently have 2 employees that have been sent for testing due to Direct COVID Exposure. We received the SBA's from our AFG Grant and our crews are currently going through training. After training has been completed they will begin FIT testing. We received a \$10,000.00 Grant from Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Response to purchase PAPR's. We had a total of 166 calls last month with a 4 minute 43 second response time. Chief Harmon stated that MVFD was still in the process of hiring 3 firefighters; Interviews were held last week and there are currently two valid candidates. In regards to Budget, our ambulance income is up 37% from this time last year and Wildland income is up 160%. Our taxes are down a bit, but with the increase of other revenues we should be fine.

Chief Martin: Chief Martin reported that the Solar Project at Station 82 is close to completion. There is a meeting this week with the ISO over our rating; our expectation is that our rating will decrease benefiting Homeowners and Business Owners Insurance Premiums. MVFD has received a WACEMS Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for "Easy IO drills" to assist

with administering IV's to patients. Our Auditors, Walker and Armstrong are prepared to come to our next Board Meeting on 12.16.2020 to present our 2019-2020 Audit.

Clerk Watson administered the Oath to Office to Chairperson Christy and Board Member Kevin Ward.

Michelle Schaubeck reported that the Halloween Drive Thru event was successful. We gave out candy to approximately 350 kids and raised \$443.00 in donations for the Christmas for Kids program.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Mr. Clavir seconded at 4:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.