

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Christy @ 5:00 pm; Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda approval – Chair Christy mentioned that the date on the Agenda was incorrect. The September 15th date should be October 20th. Mr. Ward made motion to approve the Agenda with the correct date. Mr. Clavir Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Mr. Ward made motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from September 15th; Ms. Watson seconded. Mr. Evans abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the September 2021 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Stifel Zoom Presentation:** Fire Chief Martin asked Stifel and Associates to present PSPRS Pension Bond Options via Zoom Meeting to the Fire Board for consideration. Their recommendation was to refinance our pension liability in order to achieve 100% funding levels and to lower the borrowing rate on 2.2 million unfunded liabilities from 7.3% to approximately 3.41%. Mr. Ward made motion to move forward engaging with Stifel and Associates in regards to MVFD Pension debt. Mr. Clavir Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Policy Updates:** The MVFD Boards was presented with two policy updates for approval to remain compliant the changes made via Arizona Legislature.

1. *Military Leave of Absence: Changes via AZ legislator*

2. *Employee Assistance Programs*

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the policy updates presented. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Fire Marshal Gibson:

Weed Abatement enforcement is back up and running and many of “the problem areas” are being taken care of. The properties that do not respond to our enforcement letters will now be turned over to the County for prosecution and restitution. Mr. Ward recommended that the Fire Board have a Thank You letter drafted to Ron Gould for his dedication to finding a resolution in regards to weed enforcement in Mohave Valley.

Radio Towers: They are here, but we are still waiting on few things before the project is fully “up and running.” Channel 11 is done and functional. The MVFD Crews participated in the Vietnam Veteran Living Wall Escort on 10.19.21. The Wall is being displayed at Mohave High school.

Division Chief Harmon:

Chief Harmon informed the Fireboard that all Units have returned from their Wildland Assignments. Currently the Department is working on new Dispatch Procedures and Radio updates that all tie back into Firefighter safety.

Fire Chief Martin:

Chief Martin thanked The Mohave Valley Realtors Association for the 1st Responder Appreciation Picnic that was held on 1st Saturday of the month. The Halloween Carnival is on Friday, October 22nd from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We had hired (1) Firefighter/Paramedic and have (2) other interviews for Firefighter/EMT's next week.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn and Ms. Watson seconded at 6:09 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.