

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order** by Ms. Watson @ 4:54 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Agenda approval** – Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from November 15th; Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the November 2023 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC MEETING

- A. **Notice of Meeting Requirements:** Fire Chief Martin explained that we were notified by our Legal Counsel of new Open Meeting Law requirements. It is now a requirement that the agenda include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. Going forward you will see this requirement on our Fireboard Agenda.
- B. **Water Tender Grant Update:** Fire Chief Martin provided a proposal to the Fireboard for a Water Tender for the AFG Water Tender Grant that we received. Martin went through the specs of the Water Tender and answered all Board member questions. The proposal shows the cost of the Water Tender at \$617,220.00. We will receive \$400,000.00 from AFG and the remaining \$217,000.00 will be MVFD's grant funding responsibility. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the Water Tender proposal. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**BC McShea:** McShea informed Fireboard that we had 150 calls in the last 30 days with 19 non-transport and 89 transports; 43 were fire related calls that Chief Martin will talk about.

**Fire Marshal Gibson:** No real updates to give regarding the Fire Prevention; The current projects are moving along well. The Administrative Staff recognized and thanked our Firefighter Union for their involvement/participation with the Toy Drive by providing them with a Plaque; The Union sold t-shirts and donated the profits to our Christmas for Kids Program. Captain Benjamin accepted the plaque.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Chief Martin provided an update to the Fireboard of the significant fires that our Crews handled that past month; Martin also informed them that our Kids list for Christmas was over 200 kids this year, which is far more than we have had in the past. Chief Martin thanked the Board for their support and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Ward made motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 5:28 pm. Motion carried.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.