

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Ms. Watson @ 5:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Chair Christy is present via phone. Mr. Ward, Ms. Watson, and Mr. Evans are present. Ms. Summitt is absent. 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 March 20th; Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the March 2024 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING

- A. MVFD Preliminary Budget Presentation:** Ms. Sanders provided a copy of the “working budget” along with a Budget timeline for the Fireboard to review. Ms. Sanders highlighted that the tax increase was enough to budget an increase of the medical stipend to 12k, and a 6% increase to all MVFD Employees. This was a “priority budget item” for retention purposes and to remain competitive with the neighboring Fire Departments. The budget currently is showing \$65,911 in expenses over revenue, which will need to be rectified to approve a balanced budget. Workers Comp, Fuel, dispatch, and health insurance are items that will need to be watched carefully. Chief Martin explained the Tribal Contract was renewed for another year, with an increase of 22.50% on the South Contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin informed the Fireboard that it was “Bike Week”, so it is going to be a little crazy Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; An ambulance will be available in Oatman during the daytime hours because it is part of our Ambulance Response District.

MEC is searching for an area to put their “Peaker Plant” (utilized during blackouts or when energy usage is high); They are proposing an area in Mohave Valley off King Street. They originally looked at a location in Fort Mohave and received a lot of opposition from the Community. After reviewing the information Fire Chief Martin requested support for MEC from the Fireboard. He explained that it would benefit Mohave Valley in many ways. MEC is a Cooperative, so the power generated will be utilized in Mohave Valley, benefiting the citizens. The estimated revenue generated from it would be roughly \$496k a year and would be a significant asset to the Fire Department. Fire Chief Martin would like to add a business Item in the May Board meeting for approval/support for the MEC Peaker Plant.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Evans seconded at 5:18 pm. Motion carried.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.