

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order** by Ms. Watson @ 4:58 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes from April 17th; Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the April 2024 Bills and Financials. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC MEETING

- A. MVFD Preliminary Budget Presentation:** Ms. Sanders provided a copy of the 2024.2025 Preliminary Budget for review and approval. The tax rate will remain at \$3.10 resulting in an 8.69% tax increase on our real estate taxes. Ms. Sanders went through the remaining line items, highlighting/explaining the line-item increases including the payroll increase of 6% and medical stipend set at 12k. The budget currently is showing equal revenue and expenditures totaling \$9,488,713.00. The budget is balanced.

Chair Christy was not feeling well and excused herself from the meeting at 5:08 pm.

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the 2024.2025 Preliminary Budget. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. AEPCO (Arizona Electric Power Coop) Power Plant:** Fire Chief Martin asked the Fireboard to make a motion in support of the AEPCO Power Plant. Martin explained that AEPCO is proposing building a Peaker Plant at the end of King Street that would benefit the district financially approximately \$500k annually. There has been a lot of misinformation spread regarding the impact of the water quality within Mohave Valley and the pollution the plant would produce. Chief Martin explained there was no negative impact to the plant and that the energy produced from the Plant would directly benefit our local area and would not be sold outside the Coop. Mr. Ward made a motion supporting the AEPCO Power Plant. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**BC McShea:** McShea informed the Fireboard that the Dept. ran 169 calls the past 30 days with a response time of 3 minutes and 04 seconds. 12 calls were non-emergency inter facility transports, 106 were EMS calls, 6 were motor vehicle accidents with injuries, and 7 were public service related. Regarding Mutual Aid, we assisted Fort Mojave with 4 calls, San Bernardino County with 3 calls and Golden Shores with 9 calls. McShea provided a status of the Fireboat to the Board, including the build, the payment responsibilities, and the reimbursements.

**Fire Marshall Gibson:** Gibson explained that there were currently (2) major projects within the district. The first is the AEPCO Peaker Plant discussed above. The second is regarding the Elementary School receiving 18 EV buses in August. This School will be responsible for building charging stations to accommodate. Fire Marshal Gibson will work closely with the State Fire Marshal regarding the inspection, adequate water supplies and approval of codes.

Gibson informed the Board that he had just returned from a Wildland Assignment with Xena. The U.S Forest Service wrote a post on Xena in Facebook pointing out her duties on the fire as a Fire Therapy K9.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Chief Martin informed the Fireboard that he had some awards to announce.

Mateo Medrano was promoted to Engineer and presented with his helmet.

Jared Pierce successfully completed his probationary year as Engineer and was presented with his badge.

Fire Chief thanked the Fireboard and Crews for everything that they have done to make the Department successful.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 5:56 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.