**Mohave Valley Fire Department**

**7-19-24**

**BOARD MEETING** **MINUTES**

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

**Roll call** – Ms. Watson and Mr. Ward are present. Ms. Summitt and Mr. Evans were present via phone. Chair Christy was 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. Ward made a motion to approve the June 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**BOARD BUSINESS**

1. **Lucas Device Demonstration:** The Lucus Device Demonstration will be performed after the meeting is adjourned.
2. **Fire Chief Evaluation:** Ms. Larson provided a copy of a blank Fire Chief Evaluation to each Board Member and asked them to fill it out and return it to her no later than 08.16.2024. She reminded the Board of the Chief’s current goals; The goals are employee recruitment and retainment and JPA Communication to the Board. Ms. Larson asked the Board to come up with new goals for the Fire Chief for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Battalion Chief McShea:** BCMcShea informed Fireboard that the department was very busy. We took 241 calls in the last 30 days and 98 transports. We provided mutual aid to Fort Mojave Fire Department in 8 calls and 6 calls in San Bernardino County. McShea informed the Board that we had obtained ARPA Grant Funding through the County in the amount of $1,050,000.00 for Radio Infrastructure. MVFD will pay the initial expenses and be reimbursed 100% by Mohave County. McShea asked for a motion to approve the spending. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the spending of $1,050,000.00 for radio infrastructure which will be reimbursed 100% by Mohave County. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**EMS Director Joseph Benjamin:** Captain Benjamin explained that over the past (2) years, Fire Chief Martin has been working to improve our EMS Performance by making significant “gains” with the equipment and our providers. He highlighted the many positive changes that have occurred with our ambulances, tools, training, advancements to our system and community outreach. MVFD became ACLS and PALS training center for Certifications required to be compliant with local, state and federal agencies. We are now doing CPR training and providing “Stop the Bleed” kits (Community Outreach) for all the local schools, AVI, Spriit Mountain, local churches and local tribe unities. J. Benjamin spoke that our CPR Equipment/mannequins were provided to us with Grant Funding, so no cost from the Department. Benjamin pointed out our Medic stipend was increased to stay competitive which is helping in retaining and recruiting employees.

Mr. Ward made a motion at 5:43 to adjourn and Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Sanders, Financial Specialist.