

Mohave Valley Fire Department  
February 20, 2025

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Roll call**- Ms. Summitt was present via phone. Chair Watson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Evans and Ms. Dailey are present. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval**-Mr. Evans 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 January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials**-Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve the January 2025 Bills and Financials. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **A. Ratification of January Board Appointments/Reappointments**

Ms. Summitt made a motion to appoint Sarah Daily to the vacant Fireboard Position formally held by Cindy Christy. Ms. Watson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Watson, Ms. Summitt, Mr. Evans and Mr. Ward all voted Yes to approve Sara Dailey to the MVFD Fireboard. Motion passed unanimously. (4 yes 0 no)

Ms. Watson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Evans to the Fireboard Position that expired in December 2024. Ms. Summitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Watson, Ms. Summitt, Mr. Ward and Ms. Dailey all voted Yes to reappoint Mr. Evans to the MVFD Fireboard. Motion passed unanimously. (4 yes 0 no)

Ms. Watson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Ward to the Fireboard Position that expired in December 2024. Ms. Summitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Watson, Ms. Summitt, Ms. Dailey and Mr. Evans all voted Yes to reappoint Mr. Ward to the MVFD Fireboard. Motion passed unanimously. (4 yes 0 no)

### **B. VFW Awards**

Chief Martin introduced George Deleon, who is the Commander at the VFW Post 404 in Mohave Valley. Martin explained that the VFW is a valuable partner in this community, especially when it comes to servicing our Veterans. George informed the Board of the many different programs in the local community, including the significance behind the "BUDDY" POPPY, which is the remembrance of lives lost in war. He was excited to be present at the meeting to recognize two of Mohave Valley Fire Department's Emergency Responders. Deleon presented Paramedic Hooyboer with the Paramedic of the Year award; then he presented Firefighter Levandowski with the Firefighter of the Year award. Chief Martin Thanked George for acknowledgment and stated that we looked forward to continuing the program.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**BC McShea:** McShea informed the Board that our call volumes had increased. We have had 188 calls in the last 30 days. 129 calls were medical (112 were transports) with an average response time of 3 minutes. We did (2) IFTs and provided mutual aid to Fort Mojave Mesa Fire for 16 calls and San Bernardino County with 6 calls.

**Fire Marshall Gibson:** Chief Martin informed the Fireboard that this was the last month they would receive an Admin Report from Gibson. Gibson is retiring on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Gibson informed the Board that there were a few projects coming into the District. He currently is working on plans for a Family Dollar Store and a restaurant to open in the old "Hunters". The Thalypo Truck Stop continues to progress, and Tribal apartments have been finalized and moved into. Gibson informed the Fireboard that it had been a pleasure to work for the department for 42 years and that he was still going to volunteer for building projects and "as needed". MVFD will also sponsor Gibson in the Incident Management Wildland Firefighting Program.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Chief Martin reiterated the significant positive impact Donny Gibson has had on our Community and Fire District. He stated that Gibson has been the "face of the fire district." He spoke directly to Gibson and said, "There is no way the District could repay you for the representation and presentation you provided the District. It's been immeasurable." Martin thanked Gibson again for everything.

Chief Martin went into further detail regarding what had transpired the past few weeks with the Fireboard appointments and reappointments. MVFD received a letter from the Mohave County Attorney notifying us that our Fireboard did not have a quorum. Martin further detailed that the seats for Mr. Ward, Mr. Evans, and Ms. Christy expired in December 2024. MVFD acknowledged the vacancies and appointed/reappointed the seats in the January 15, 2025, meeting. After discussing the situation with our District Attorney, we were informed that our "outgoing board members" were considered "place holders" until we could appoint/reappoint members to the vacant board seats. The appointments/reappointments at the January 2025 meeting were made according to Arizona State Statutes and our Fireboard had taken correct action. The District will now follow up with Fireboard members and the Mohave Elections office prior to any expiring seats to ensure timely compliance with petition filing requirements and to avoid any further confusion.

Chief Martin announced the passing of past Fireboard Chair Cynthia Christy on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He commented on her accomplishments/leadership with 10 years of service on the MVFD Fireboard. Services for Cynthia Christy will be held at 11:00 on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Desert Lawn Funeral Home.

The Fireboat obtained through Grants by BC McShea was present at the meeting for the Fireboard to look over.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Evans seconded at 5:33PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.