

Mohave Valley Fire Department  
April 16, 2025

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Roll call-** Chair Watson, Mr. Ward, Ms. Summitt and Ms. Dailey are present. Mr. Evans is absent. 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. Ward a motion to approve March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

- A. **Budget Timeline:** Ms. Larson presented the preliminary timeline and budget for fiscal year 25.26. The proposal includes expected expense increases including a 7% increase in health insurance. The property tax (Revenue) increased by 4.16% providing for an approximate increase of \$100(k). The budget currently is showing -\$512,459.00 with assumed high expenses and conservative revenues. The ending balance will change as we continue the budget process and receive "firm" numbers to work with. Chief Martin explained that with the increasing services and costs, the Fire Department may have to consider a tax increase "down the road." Mohave Valley operates conservatively and as efficiently as we can and for this fiscal year, we will be trying to budget with the \$3.10 tax rate. Ms. Watson expressed her dissatisfaction with the idea of increasing the tax rate, knowing there are many people currently struggling due to increased cost of living expenses. She suggested the District consider certain expenses for a different fiscal year when it may receive more property tax dollars. Mr. Ward requested (5) years of historical property taxes data to better understand how the trends may work for the future.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**BC McShea:** McShea informed the Fireboard that we received 170 calls in the last 30 days, 115 being med calls. (86 transported and 29 not transported) The average response time was 3

minutes. We took 7 IFT's and declined 36 IFTs. We participated in mutual aid 12 times with Fort Mojave, 6 times with San Bernardino County, 2 times with Golden Shores and one time in Oatman. MVFD and Search and Rescue responded to the Oatman call which was a side by side that had rolled down a cliff. Mcshea updated the Fireboard on the ongoing radio project and stated that boat training classes were scheduled with San Bernardino County tomorrow. (04.17.25)

**Fire Chief Martin:** Martin asked Ms. Larson to update the Board on the Easter Egg Hunt that was held on Saturday, 04.12.2025. Ms. Larson explained that there were approx. 200 kids that participated. It took weeks and several volunteers to stuff over 6000 eggs and toys which were then placed out on Willow Springs Golf Course. The event started at 9:00 and all the eggs and toys were collected by 9:02. The crews, volunteers and Willow Springs Golf Course made this Event a huge success.

Martin then updated the Board on the structure fire in Willow Valley over the weekend that started from an electric bike battery left out in the sun. (3) pets perished in the Fire. There is limited access to water (EPCOR Water) at that location and our Crews were responding to a Mine Fire in Oatman which delayed the fire apparatus' arrival. Our mutual aid partners and responding crews did an outstanding job keeping from spreading to any nearby structures.

Ms. Summitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.