

Mohave Valley Fire Department
May 29 , 2025

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. **Preliminary Budget Discussion:** Ms. Larson provided a copy of the \$3.60 Tax Rate Budget that was provided on the May 21st Board Meeting. There were no changes to this budget. Ms. Larson also provided an additional balanced budget utilizing a tax rate of \$3.30 and excluding the (3) new positions for consideration per request. Ms. Larson briefly highlighted the risks of adopting the \$3.30 budget and assured the Fireboard that the \$3.60 tax rate budget accomplished a sound budget to follow for FY 2025.2026. Ms. Larson asked the Fireboard to make a motion to approve a preliminary budget.

Ms. Watson inquired about the Grant Dollars being less than the previous year. Chief Martin explained that grants are budgeted on both the Revenue and Expense side so the dollars “wash each other out” and doesn’t impact the operating dollars within the budget. Ms. Larson explained the number was significantly less. Ms. Larson reiterated what Chief Martin stated regarding the impact of the grant number. Ms. Watson asked if Mohave Valley Fire applied for the SAFER Grant; Martin assured Ms. Watson that we apply for the SAFER Grant each year, but we have never received acceptance from the Grant. Ms. Watson inquired about the Generator Grant for Station 82; Martin explained that we had applied for a Grant that had been approved and now has been pulled, so we will need to be prepared to pay for it out of our operating budget if the grant funding continues to not come through. Ms. Watson questioned if we were seeking a grant for another Fireboat. Chief Martin confirmed we were attempting to receive a fireboat grant to fulfill a need and reduce response time on the South end of the river.

Ms. Watson asked for a motion on the Preliminary Budget with a tax rate of \$3.60. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the budget with the \$3.60 tax rate. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Ms. Daily voted yes. Ms. Watson voted no. Motion passed 3 to 1.

Ms. Larson asked if Ms. Watson was able to make a motion on the \$3.30 budget. Chief Martin explained that a motion had already passed on the \$3.60 budget and no further action was needed.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 pm. Ms. Daily seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.