

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll call – Ms. Watson, Ms. Summitt, Mr. Ward and Ms. Daily are present. Mr. Evans arrived at 5:04 pm. 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 – Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve the May 21st and 28th 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the May 2023 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing 2023.2024 Proposed Budget entered at 5:02 pm:** No Public Comments
- B. Close Public Hearing at 5:02 pm:** Ms. Watson closed Public Hearing
- C. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Adoption:** Fire Chief Martin requested that the Board approve the 2025.2026 budget reflecting an increase in the fire district tax rate levy to \$3.60 from \$3.10. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt the presented 2025.2026 Budget. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 3% increase Eligible Employees:** Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the 3% increase to eligible employees according to the 2025.2026 adopted budget. Ms. Summitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Battalion Chief McShea: McShea reported the department had responded to 187 calls over the past 30 days, a 30% increase of the previous month. Of those 187 calls, 149 were medical calls and 114 were transports. The department provided mutual aid on 11 calls with Fort Mojave Mesa, 6 calls with San Bernardino and 4 calls with Golden Shores Fire Department. McShea told the board that the Department had applied for \$1.3 million in federal and state grants, including a SAFER Grant, which pays for personnel. The department's obligation is 25% of the total grant funded. The department was also notified it "made it to the next level" in its appropriations funding application. If funding is approved, Mohave Valley Fire would be responsible for 25% of any grant awarded.

Fire Chief Martin: Martin informed the Fireboard of (3) significant incidents. There was a fatal rollover jeep accident on Dike Road at Boundary Cone. The investigation began around 7:00 pm Sunday evening and was cleared around midnight. Our Crews also responded to a garage fire on Saturday evening in El Rio Community. Our Crews did an outstanding job and there was minimal damage to the home. Prompt action prevented escalation and no significant damage to the attic/structure. The homeowner donated \$25,000.00 to the district which will be used to purchase thermal imagers. There was also a structure fire on Monday night off Kingman Trail that originated from a garbage can against the home.

We currently have a Wildland Crew deployed for 14-day assignment in New Mexico.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 5:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.