

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Mr. Ward 5:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Mr. Ward, Ms. Dailey, Mr. Evans, Ms. Summitt and Ms. Watson are all present. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Ms. Watson made a motion to approve the January 21st, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Ms. Watson made motion to approve the January 2026 Bills and Financials. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Trash Services Bid:** Chief Martin explained that our contract with Republic Services was up and it was time to go out and seek bids for Trash Service for the Fire Department; Currently we are paying unbudgeted overage charges due to increased usage from Events and Projects. The evaluation criteria will expand beyond just the lowest bid. We will also be considering flexibility of Events, frequency of overage charges, and obviously qualifications It was noted that the bid was missing verbiage at the end of page 38. Ms. Sanders will add “reimbursed” to complete the sentence. Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve and seek out Trash Services utilizing the proposed bid, (with added change “reimbursed”) Ms. Watson seconded. Mr. Evans abstained. Motion passed.
- B. **Adoption Fee Schedule:** The current fee schedule has been in place for several years and it was time to review and update it. It became more necessary with the Retirement of Fire Marshal Gibson, as we have had to cover costs for outsourcing plan reviews and code compliance checks. We currently have contracted with an AZ Company ran by for Former Fire Marshal Keith Eaton and Jim Dykins to compensate for loss of in-house qualifications. The fee schedule ensures costs from third-party reviews are fully passed to applicants/contractors, not absorbed by the district. The Fee schedule will be posited publicly on the website for transparency. Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve Resolution “2026.01 Adoption of Fee Schedule.” Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. **Executive Session:**
  - Mr. Evans made a motion to suspend the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Ms. Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Fireboard entered Executive Session at 5:09 pm.
  - At 6:04 pm, Ms. Summitt moved to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Board Meeting. Ms. Watson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Contracts:** At this time, no action will be taken.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**BC McShea:** Medical calls are up due to flu session; we had 109 transports, with 30 refusals and our response times remain solid. MVFD is going to be hosting a SCBA tech class coming up and we currently have a 40-hour MCC Academy that is going well. The training Tower is getting a lot of use with the Academy as well as internal training. There is a live burn training scheduled for this week.

BC McShea provides an update on Radio Infrastructure. We are continuing to work with the City of Kingman and Colorado City to search to host our dispatch due to the Bullhead Issues that we had with Motorola. Kingman consoles are outdated, and Colorado City seems to have everything we need, making it the best fit for us right now. We have a deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> to choose what direction we go in collaboration with other regional agencies for interoperability. (Golden Shores, Oatman, Desert Hills) Any later partners will have a buy in to potentially recoup prior district investment costs.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Chief Martin praised our Crews on how they handled a recent EMS cardiac response case involving a local firefighters family member.

Martin briefly discussed the Legislative Updates as of February 18, 2026. There were 1966 bills posted this week, two passed, two have been signed by the governor into law with 2 vetoes within the sessions. Martin detailed the Senate Bill 1503, (a PSPRS Service Requirement Cost of Living Adjustment that will affect our employees currently in the Tier 3), House Bill 2917, (Firefighter Cancer Registry established with the Arizona Department of Public Health and Services) House Bill 2644, (PFAS Firefighting Foam Prohibition/Restrictions) House Bill 2349 Employment of Rural Fire District Exception, (creates a workers compensation coverage exemption for rural fire districts located in counties with a population of less than a million by adding Fire District to ARS 23902 list of employer exemptions.) Firefighter Occupational Disease ident carcinogens have updated provisions modifying presumption cancer disease coverage and adding adenocarcinoma with related to conforming changes for firefighters working on compensation claims. House Bill 1216 included updates regarding a counseling program for public safety employees dealing with a traumatic event. House Bill 23 or House Bill 2793; Annexation of territory procedures. (This modifies municipal annexation procedures, including notice and documentation requirements) House Bill 2293 Wildfire Prevention Authority Fund (Establishes the Wildland Arizona Wildland Prevention Authority within the Dept. of Forestry and creates a dedicated fund to support wildfire risk reduction projects)

Fireboard I pads and emails are projected to be available by the next Fire Board meeting.

Ms. Waston made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Dailey seconded at 6:21 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.