

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

Call to the Public – None

Minutes – Ms. Dailey made a motion to approve the April 15th, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills & Financials – Ms. Summitt made motion to approve the April 2026 Bills and Financials. Ms. Dailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS:

- A. The Board reviewed and approved a waiver for conflict of interest and consent to joint representation regarding the Mohave County Regional Public Safety Radio Communication System. BC McShea confirmed that all documents under review were legally vetted by our Attorney. Ms. Watson made a motion to approve the waiver of conflict of interest and consent. Ms. Dailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. The Fireboard was given an IGA between Colorado City and participating agencies (Desert Hills, Golden Shores, Oatman, Mohave Valley, and Fort Mojave Mesa) to review and approve. The agreement would be in replacement of Bullhead City Dispatch. The agreement covers services, costs, and operational structure. The system is scalable and designed both for present needs and future expansion. Fees are prorated on call load. Ms. Summitt made motion to Approve Resolution 2026-002 Intergovernmental Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services between Colorado City and Participating Agencies. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. BC McShea requested the Fireboard make a motion to pass Resolution 2026-003. The resolution creates a consortium board with one representative from each of the five fire districts to govern the regional radio system. Mohave Valley Fire acts as host agency and manages finances as well as has a Board seat. The Consortium controls asset management, partner admission, and subscriber/partner differentiation. Ms. Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-003. Ms. Summitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. The proposed Subscriber Intergovernmental Agreement for Participating Agencies of Mohave County Regional Public Safety Radio Communications Consortium is the framework to admit new entities to use the radio system as subscribers. (non-governing, usage-fee paying participants) Currently, there a no subscribers, but the framework is necessary for future flexibility. Ms. Dailey made a motion to approve the Subscriber Intergovernmental Agreement for Participating Agencies of Mohave County Regional Public Safety Radio Communications Consortium. Ms. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Ms. Larson presented the Fireboard with the preliminary FY26/27 budget as it currently stands. It was for informational review only and no action took place. There was a 5.3% increase in tax revenue and a 23.69% increase to the FDAT revenue. Grant Income and Expense currently are not included but will be on the final proposed budget. The revenues increased slightly but remained conservative. The budget contained a 6% COLA increase for the employees and a 1k stipend increase to remain competitive with the neighboring Fire Departments. Health Insurance increased by 2.2% (minimal compared to peers) and the Department is now

offering the employees the option of a H.S.A plan, which would be partially funded by the department. Fuel will be monitored due to steep price rises, but budgetarily we currently adequate. The remainder of the expenses had only a small increase. The current draft shows expenses exceeding revenue by \$41,600 so further cuts will be necessary before we can adopt the 26.27 budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

BC McShea: McShea informed the Fireboard that the Tribal Casino Project was on schedule for completion. Water flow/fire flow for protection remains a challenge. Mohave Valley Fire continues to have ongoing discussions with Tribal Water Authorities to help ask/resolve any issues. MVFD welcomed (3) new Reserve Firefighters to Shift Rotations; Wildland Season is officially underway, but MVFD has declined several deployment requests due to staffing levels.

The transition to the new dispatch/radio system is scheduled for June 23 and the team is confident about the preparations but acknowledges typical risks in large system migrations.

The Grant window is currently open and ends on June 22. MVFD has (4) grants to submit. These numbers will be added to the preliminary budget/future budgets upon receipt/grant approval.

MVFD has had 202 total calls in the past 30 days. 13 were motor vehicle accidents and 9 were wildland fires (2 structure fires, 7 other fires). We also had 1 IFT. We had 124 EMS calls resulting in 102 ALS transports and 22 non-transports. We also provided Mutual Aid to the following Departments/Entities:

Fort Mohave Mesa: 4

San Bernadino County: 9

Golden Shores: 1

Clark County: 1

Oatman: 2

Fire Chief Martin: Chief Martin provided details of notable incidents in the past 30 days. There was a structure fire in Oatman, a garage fire in Willow Valley, and a fatal head-on collision on Mother's Day weekend. The new water tender has been delivered and will be in Service soon. Water Tender 818 is scheduled to undergo corrosion repairs (leaves first week of June, scheduled for repairs second week). The 3rd water tender is down due to a Power Divider Failure but should be back up within a week.

Fire Chief Martin thanked and detailed the May 16th 1st Responder Appreciation Event. The Bullhead Area Chamber, Tri-State Heroes, and Colorado River Realtors all participated. The event was a lot of fun with great turnout.

Chief Martin informed the Fireboard that we are engaged with a Regulatory Attorney for a comprehensive rate review/increase which could potentially increase our Ambulance Revenue by around 30%. This is this first comprehensive hike in a decade and could restore parity with regional providers.

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend with Fireworks at the Avi.

F. Executive Session: ARS 383-431A(6)

- Ms. Summitt made a motion to suspend the meeting and go to an Executive Session to discuss contracts. Ms. Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Fireboard entered Executive Session at 5:40 pm.
- Ms. Summitt made a motion to reconvene the Fireboard Meeting at 6:02 pm. Ms. Watson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Watson made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 6:03 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.