

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Mr. Ward at 5:19 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Mr. Ward and Ms. Summitt, and Mr. Evans are present. Ms. Dailey is absent. 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 June 17th, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

BOARD BUSINESS:

- A. Fiscal year 226-227 increase eligible employees:** Martin requested the board approved two 2026.2027 budgeted items for the current year. A 6 % increase for all qualified employees and increase in the paramedic stipend from \$12,000 annually to \$13,000 annually. Martin explained that these changes had already been planned in the approved budget and were intended to keep the District competitive with surrounding agencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

BC McShea: McShea reported that the District remained in a status quo operation pattern, averaging about 200 calls per month over the last year and a half. In the previous month the District ran 193 calls including 108 EMS calls, 60 transports, and 24 non-transports. McShea also noted there were no problems with apparatus or the truck fleet. The district sent its first wildland deployment to Oregon. The crew has been there for about approx. 12 days and is expected to return in a week. The deployment was going well, the backfill had worked well locally, and the crew had already been moved through (3) major fires. The drive to Oregon was noted as approximately 14 hours. The District continues to work on Casino-related construction/buildout. A key issue remains regarding the water flow for the project. The District intends to continue working with the project partners to ensure the facility can open on time. The radio project is continuing and overall participation and reception among personnel has been positive. A major development was the entry of Fort Mohave Mesa Fire Department after paying a "buy-in fee" which will be used in part to reimburse MVFD for resources already used in part to support additional equipment and infrastructure to harden the system against storms and improve resilience. The "buy-in" means Fort Mojave Mesa joined the Radio Consortium as an equal partner.

Fire Chief Martin: Martin continued to speak regarding the Radio Consortium; he explained to the Fireboard that each of the fire departments has a designated representative on the Consortium, and he chose BC McShea to be MVFD's representative. Martin also explained the Consortium outlined a Position in place to manage the day-to-day operations of the system. Martin wants to ensure that position is held by a person from our Fire Department, since we are the main shareholder. Martin expanded by naming Mark Lowry as the potential person to fill that position; The position will have a portion of the salary paid by each Department. Discussion centered on why dispatch services are handled through Colorado City rather than locally. Colorado City had the necessary software and system capability that BHC could not provide. He emphasized that the new arrangement improves response times and information flow to responders. He cited the prior dispatch timeline through Bullhead City as taking 45 seconds to 1.5 minutes, while the current system is said to be under 30 to 40 seconds. This improvement is especially important because responders receive more information about the call and destination. Golden Valley and NACFD are evaluating leaving Kingman Dispatch and moving to ours.

Chief McShea was awarded the Dennis Compton Future Leader Award at the Arizona Fire Chief Association Conference. Martin described Dennis Compton as a major figure in the fire service, both in Arizona and nationally, and highlighted his leadership role in major incidents such as Oklahoma City. The board congratulated McShea for the recognition. Martin reported new federal and regulatory requirements for a DEA number related to narcotics handling by paramedics; because the district has stations in both Arizona and Nevada, it must meet requirements in both states. The legal and regulatory burden was described as significant and time-consuming, involving storage, documentation, access control, and tracking. The district decided to contract with a medical direction provider based out of Phoenix to handle Medical direction oversight, DEA-related requirements, training and annual review support and regulatory compliance for narcotics usage and storage. The federal requirements are extremely burdensome including a requirement to replace ambulance safes with biometric systems. The cost discussed was \$18,000 annually because of the Nevada component. MVFD District has engaged with a regulatory attorney to work on an ambulance billing increase. The anticipated increase in revenues for the District is estimated at around 30%. Fire Chief Chris Pardee retired from Fort Mojave Mesa Fire Department and Kevin Smith is now the new Fire Chief. The water tender that had been removed for Service had to be disassembled and the corrosion was worse than originally believed. The district is now working with Spartan motors to determine how to prevent dirt, dust, and water from getting trapped between compartments. The issue remains under review.

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

- Ms. Watson made a motion to suspend the meeting and go to an Executive Session to discuss contracts. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Fireboard entered Executive Session at 5:37 pm.
- Fireboard Meeting reconvened at 6:02 pm.

C. Contracts: At this time, no action was taken.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.