

Mayer Fire Board
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday March 9, 2015 7:00 PM
Mayer Fire Administration Office

1 ***Call to order.***

Chairman Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2 ***Pledge of allegiance.***

3 ***Roll Call of members.***

Present were Chairman Ashton, Clerk Coe, Member Wesolowski, Member Williamson and Member Dodge.

4 ***Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A (3) the Board may vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice with the Districts attorney Douglas Fant (may attend in person or telephonically) regarding the January 2015 Letter of No Confidence from the Union.***

Clerk Coe made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session. Member Williamson seconded. The vote was Aye – five; No – zero. **Motion carried.**

7:02 The Board went into Executive Session.

7:15 Board members Wesolowski and Williamson left the Executive Session and sat in the audience.

7:36 Chairman Ashton called the meeting back to order. Members Wesolowski and Williamson continued to sit with the audience.

5 ***Explanation of action taken at the February 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting accepting January 2015 Letter of No Confidence as related to credit card issue.***

Chief Brown said at the last meeting there was a motion and a vote four to zero to accept the letter of no confidence related to the credit card issue and staff doesn't understand what that means. We sent out an email but haven't received anything so we are looking for clarification. Chairman Ashton said the Board would take care of that (in the meeting).

Member Dodge made a motion that we disband all use of the credit cards without approval of the Board Chairman or Clerk while we have an investigation into the use of credit cards. Clerk Coe seconded. Chairman Ashton said the only thing we are saying is this is a temporary hold on (credit card use without Board permission) until we get an investigator to look at credit card use.

The vote was Aye – three; No – zero. Abstain – zero. **Motion carried.**

6 ***January 2015 Letter of No Confidence from the Union.***
Item tabled.

7 ***Investigator costs.***

This item was requested by Member Williamson.

7:39 Member Williamson and Member Wesolowski came out of the audience and joined the Board

Member Williamson said we had a recommendation from the Lawyer of three people (to choose from) to look into this harassment investigation. The Board voted to accept Kelly McFarland and have her be the one to do it. Her rates are from \$75 to \$100 per hour and she would try to keep it from going over \$2500. My understanding is it is just interviews, no surveillance. He said it is up to the Board to

approve. Clerk Coe made a motion to engage Kelly McFarland to do the investigation on the harassment / hostile work environment complaint. Member Dodge seconded. After discussion the vote was Aye – five; No – zero. **Motion carried.**

8 *Future Agenda items.*

9 *Future meeting dates.*

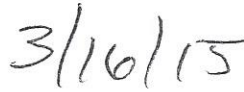
Regular Board meeting March 16th at 6:00 P.M. and the Combined Budget meeting is having a special meeting before it at 4:00 P.M.

Member Dodge said the Union Representative just came to the meeting and asked the Chairman if he wanted to ask him if he had anything for Item 6. Chairman Ashton asked if he had any information for item 6. Steve Quintero asked about partnering with the Lawyer the Union hired who looked into Mayer Fire District's finances and see how we can make it better for our future. He said this will be on the special combined meeting that is meeting before the Board meeting on Monday the 16th. Clerk Coe suggested it be put on the regular Board meeting also.

10 *Adjournment.*

Chairman Ashton called the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.





Clerk Coe

Date