

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:30PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 Call to order.

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M.

2 Pledge of allegiance.

3 Roll Call of members.

Present were Chairman Thurman, Clerk Runyan, Member Baca, Member Junkins. All present.

4 Call to the public. (The Fire Board can only respond to items on the Agenda, Comments limited to two minutes each.)

There was no public comment.

5 Chief's Report:

a) Monthly and year-to-date financials

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

We are almost \$400,000 to the positive, even though we have spent money on things we didn't plan for. This includes half down on the ambulance rebuild.

Last month there were 180 calls responded to.

Payroll will be significantly higher due to wildland hours, but we do get reimbursed for that eventually from the State of Arizona.

We received a check for over \$100,000 this week for a few of the recent fires.

b) Current event report.

There have been 2-3 wildland fires in the last week. The crews that went out on the Crooks fire all stayed a full two weeks. The REMS team stayed 3 weeks. All received excellent reviews for their efforts.

Currently there is an Ambulance and a Med Team assigned to the Calf Canyon fire in New Mexico.

Chief Smith and Chief Tunis went to Las Vegas on May 17 to pick up a HAZMAT truck for Bagdad and then had the preconstruction meeting for the ambulance rebuild. The cost of the rebuild is about half the cost of a new vehicle.

The survey is done. We should have it by the end of this week to get the assessment for the refinance of Station #21 in Mayer.

6 Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report.

Captain Jake Alanis, Mayer Fire Chapter Vice President of the Local 3066 spoke.

There is a car show fundraiser coming up this weekend. Life has been good. Chief is taking good care of us.

There has not been a lot of communication regarding the tax legislation.

Chief Smith explained that the tax legislation is held up in the Senate due to prioritizing water issues and a preliminary budget before they could move on to anything else. This is affecting about 200 bills.

There was a letter published in the Capital Hill Tribune stating why the tax is needed for fire districts. The letter was published in the Courier as of today, May 18, 2022, pushing to get the tax approved in the current legislative session to avoid petition.

7 Consent Agenda.

Member Junkins motioned to accept the consent agenda items a-h. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

8 Preliminary Budget

Chief Smith pointed out that this year's budget is a couple hundred thousand higher, mostly due to pay parity and promotions that need to happen. We are also adding two new positions. The benefits to this are better coverage for the district, and also the ability to put the third ambulance out more often. We have the money to cover it. At the end of the year, we should have a couple hundred thousand to put into capital. Ambulance billing will probably bring in

1.2 million dollars. Wildland is budgeted for half a million. With a busy wildland season, it could be \$750,000 to a million actual.

We also will have an increase in insurance coverage, now offering health, vision, dental and a small life insurance for the employee at no cost to the employee, as well as a portion of dependent coverage.

By going under Williamson Valley's policy, it will significantly drop the cost to Mayer employees.

Member Baca motioned to post the preliminary budget. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

9 Resolution #2022-03 Call of Election

Chairman Thurman read aloud the Call of Election.

There are three board seats up for election.

Member Baca motioned to adopt Resolution #2022-03 Call of Election. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

10 Authorization to proceed in applying for a grant with the Tohono O'odham Tribe for \$25,000

Any Indian tribes that engage in gaming have to give back 12% of the proceeds in the form of grants.

We need permission from the Board to apply for the grant. We would like to apply for a grant for \$25,000 worth of paramedic schooling.

Member Junkins motioned to authorize application for a grant with the Tohono O'odham Tribe for \$25,000. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

11 Future Agenda items

Public hearing and board meeting to approve the budget


12 Future meeting dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 15, 2022, at 4:30 P.M.

13 Adjournment.

Member Baca motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Thurman called the meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.



Clerk Runyan

6/15/2022

Date