

**Mayer Fire District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2022 4:30PM**  
**Mayer Fire Administration**

**1 Call to order**

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:33 P.M.

**2 Pledge of allegiance**

**3 Roll Call of members**

Present were Chairman Thurman, Acting Clerk Junkins, Member Baca, Member Tang (telephonically). All present.

**4 Nominate and vote for Board Clerk**

Chairman Thurman checked in with Acting Clerk Junkins who still does not feel she has the availability to continue as Board Clerk.

Member Baca is still unsure if she will be moving out of Mayer Fire District and cannot be available during the day due to her work schedule.

Chairman Thurman asked Member Tuan if he was interested and explained the position, indicating that he would get training from Suzanne, the Office Manager.

Member Tang indicated he was interested in the position.

**Member Baca motioned to nominate Member Tang for Board Clerk. Acting Clerk Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. Motion carried.**

**5 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.

**6 Chief's Report:**

**a) Monthly and year-to-date financials**

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

There were 171 calls for service last month.

**b) Current event report**

There was word from Senator Kelly's office that a new station for MFD will not be funded.

Funding for a new station for Crown King Fire District will move forward. Chief Smith will meet with the Senator's staff in Crown King on September 22 to view the current station to see what needs to be replaced.

The Williamson Valley Fire District radio infrastructure funding is still being looked at by the Senator's office.

Announcements on other grant awards are just beginning. There are several grants applied for that will be announced over the next couple of months.

The County informed Chief Smith today that a TA Super Travel Center will be developed across from the Love's gas station in Cordes Lakes.

There are two crews out on wildland. One in Texas that is going on its third 21-day crew and expected to continue crew swaps into October. Another crew in California, going on its third crew and expected to continue crew swaps into September.

Back here at the station, one of the trucks had a turbo issue that has been repaired.

Chief will be putting out information regarding the Arizona Fire District Safety Act, Proposition 310, before the October election and encouraged everyone to put the word out to voters.

This is the time for insurance re-ranking which happens about every 10 years. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the highest, Mayer Fire District ranks at 4 which includes only the top 16% of all fire departments in the United States. An ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating of 4 allows homeowners to benefit from insurance cost breaks. Obtaining an ISO of 3 is not easy but would result in commercial insurance breaks. There will be an on-site inspection on September 21. It will be after the first of the year before we hear if the rating will change.

Lastly, Chief Smith inquired if the MFD (Mayer Fire District) Board would be open to swearing in of WVFD

(Williamson Valley Fire District) firefighters due to unavailability of WVFD board members. This will be discussed at a later date.

- 7 ***Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report***  
There was no news from the Local #3066.

8 ***Consent Agenda***

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

- 9 ***Resolution #2022-06 Annexation of 11775 East Slippery Elm Lane, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona 86329***

**Member Baca motioned to accept Resolution #2022-06 Annexation of 11775 East Slippery Elm Lane, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona 86329. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

- 10 Add Member Tuan Tang as signer, and remove Ray Runyan as signer on Bank of the West accounts

**Member Junkins motioned to add Member Tuan Tang as signer, and remove Ray Runyan as signer on Bank of the West accounts. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

- 11 ***Pension Funding Policy***

Item tabled.

- 12 ***Authorization to purchase a fleet service truck for \$18,500.***

Chief Smith explained his plan to hire two fleet mechanics over the next year due to the growing size of the fleet and the delay in service by sending apparatus out for repair. The cost of hiring the mechanics along with the purchase of the service truck should be revenue neutral for the district. The mechanics and service truck will service all three districts, as well as other smaller districts in the region that do not have a mechanic of their own. They can also go out on wildland assignments, indefinitely, since mechanics do not have to swap out crews like the firefighters are required to do.

The truck is a 2000. It runs well and has a service bed and crane. It would belong to Mayer Fire District and contract out to the other districts.

WVFD and CKFD (Crown King Fire District) would pay toward personnel costs of the mechanics.

Chief Smith indicated that ambulance revenue will cover the cost of this vehicle purchase. The money in capital is already enough to cover it.

**Member Junkins motioned to authorize the purchase of a fleet service truck for \$18,500. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

- 13 ***Authorization to move forward on pricing/purchase of a new battalion chief truck from Arizona State Fleet Purchasing***

Chief Smith explained that WVFD purchase all trucks from Arizona State Fleet Services. The program is run by the Navajo Nation Police Department. It will take over a year to acquire the vehicle this way but with substantial savings compared to a purchase through a dealer. He will get a price for the next board meeting. If the purchase is made, the price is locked in, but we don't pay for it until it arrives.

The proposed truck would replace the 2015 truck which has over 100,000 miles.

**Member Baca motioned to approve moving forward on pricing/purchase of a new battalion chief truck from Arizona State Fleet Purchasing. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

- 14 ***Future Agenda items***

Appoint Member Tang to the PSPRS (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System) Board

Item #11

Possibly moving meeting time

- 15 ***Future meeting dates.***

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 21, 2022 at 4:30 P.M

**16 Adjournment**

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

**Chairman Thurman called the Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.**

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**Clerk Tang**                      **Date**