

MAYER FIRE DISTRICT

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

December 20, 2023

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of allegiance

3. Roll call of members

Present: Board Chairman Thurman; Board Members Junkins, Lundeen, Tang and new Board Member Perry. All members present.

4. Call to the public (Public comments are limited to two minutes each. The Fire Board can only respond to items on the agenda)

None

5. Chief's report:

a. Monthly and year-to-date financials

b. Current event report

There were 134 calls last month, which is down for the year and about 10% below the annual call volume the year before COVID. Guidelines were released for SB 1720 grant funding for fire districts administered by Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. There is \$5 million available for construction of fire stations, and purchase of equipment and apparatus. There is a \$100,000 minimum and \$400,000 maximum for awards with no matching requirement. We will apply for a brush truck.

On the WV side three new members are being hired in January to fill holes we have and expansion underway in Bagdad; however, they can work anywhere. Orientation is at Mayer, so the board might see them. The State grant funded Hazmat tech class starts early January and runs for five weeks. Between both districts we have seven in class - MFD three and WVFD four. One of WV's captains will be teaching a portion of the class as a State instructor. It is hosted by CAFMA at their training facility.

Paramedic school final walk through is on January 11th. If all goes well the first paramedic class will be in February. WV will be the first or second fire department in Arizona to have an accredited paramedic program.

The new burn permit program will be entirely online and will start January 1st. Dispatch can see what burn permits are active. Last month, LogRx was implemented for tracking of controlled substances which is required by DHS.

The WV Fire Board, Chief Tunis, and he met with their attorney Bill Whittington to talk about JPAs. Attorney Whittington provided legal docs he worked up that were easy to follow. He did a good

job of explaining how a JPA is crafted and how to make it happen. It is proposed the WV Board Chair and one other member and the same for MFD meet to start the groundwork.

Most of you attended the pinning ceremony...thank you. The next one should be in May.

New ambulance GPS requirement takes effect January 1st. We will be requesting a waiver.

Hackberry Fire is under 100 acres. Forest Service is monitoring it.

The Christmas Party went well, thank you to those that attended.

He mentioned a conversation with Chairman Thurman who had seen CAFMA trucks parked at the station and asked why the Fire Board did not approve the purchase. It was explained WV bought all of them for \$62,000 and they are parked at Mayer until the mechanics can get to them one by one. Hopefully by the end of January they will be in service.

There is a statutory training requirement for new Board members. There are two options: 1) attend classes at the AFDA conference in Laughlin or Tucson, or 2) complete an on-line version. There are four modules to the training: finance, governance, open meeting laws, and ethics and fiduciary responsibility.

6. **Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #3066 (the Union) report**
Update was given on the Christmas Angel program.
7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Profit & Loss for November 2023**
 - b. **County Treasurer's Report for November 2023**
 - c. **Balance Sheets for November 2023**
 - d. **Check registers for November 2023**
 - e. **Petty Cash Report for November 2023**
 - f. **Call Report for November 2023**
 - g. **Out of District Report for November 2023**
 - h. **Regular Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2023 and November 15, 2023**

Upon a motion by Board Member Lundeen, seconded by Board Member Tang, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

8. **Emergency beacon signs – update from Member Lundeen**

A packet will need to be submitted to the State for review. The order was placed last week with a shipping date in February.

Chief Smith will send the long form to VFIS who has a 10 day lead time.

Board Chairman Thurman thanked Board Member Lundeen for his work on this project.

9. **Economic impacts of solar field**

The estimated sales tax may not be as much as hoped but it is still healthy. Project goes in front of County Planning & Zoning in March or April then to the Board of Supervisors. Orme School is most affected but they are behind the district 100%.

10. Policies of expenditures allowed by Fire Chief and by Fire Board

This item was tabled. If there are any concerns or changes, they should be brought up at the next meeting.

11. Future agenda items

Policies of expenditures

12. Future meeting dates

First meeting on JPA with MFD and WVFD

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

APPROVED


Board Clerk


Date