

**MAYER FIRE DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**January 17, 2024**

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of allegiance**

**3. Roll call of members**

Present: Chairman Thurman; Board Members Lundeen, Junkins

Absent: Board Members Tang, Perry

**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 110 calls. Call volume is down mostly on the EMS side and that may be reflected in ambulance revenue down the line. There was a house fire initially called in as smoke investigation. The fire was found by a caretaker who called it in. The home was not occupied. One engine from CAFMA and WV Engine 91 responded. They were on the scene for about five hours. WV Engine 91 assisted on the fire but responded to a medical call in Cordes during the fire, and remained available for EMS response until units were released from the fire.

At the recent AFDA conference, Wyatt Wong of VFIS presented a safety award to MFD which also extends to the other districts covered. It was for adopted safety standards and best safety practices.

The rear brakes were replaced on the out of service engine and it will be back in service tomorrow morning.

The final walk through for paramedic school accreditation took place and the letter of approval should be received in two weeks. It is planned to start school on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Class is two days per week at MFD and will last 10 months. Paramedic school is through WVFD and will be cost neutral. The cost is \$6,000 for each student. WV received a tribal grant for \$20,000 towards scholarships. This is the culmination of two years of hard work going back and forth with accreditation and an articulation agreement with Yavapai College.

Karen is working on all districts SB 1720 fire district grants for water tenders for WV and MFD.

The solar farm was requested to stock dry chem on site and we will check into Candela's corporate giving program.

**6. Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #3066 (the Union) report**  
Report given.

**7. Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Profit & Loss for December 2023**
- b. **County Treasurer's Report for December 2023**
- c. **Balance Sheets for December 2023**
- d. **Check registers for December 2023**
- e. **Petty Cash Report for December 2023**
- f. **Call Report for December 2023**
- g. **Out of District Report for December 2023**
- h. **Regular Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2023**

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

**8. Policies of expenditures allowed by Fire Chief and Fire Board**

Discussion evolved into purchase decisions for a JPA. Chief Smith indicated a JPA board would make all purchase decisions. The WV and MF boards set their respective budgets and mil rates as a JPA allows different tax rates. The individual fire boards meet quarterly and have members on the JPA board chosen by the district boards. The JPA board can be any size whereas fire board membership is based on statutes and population. If capital funds are set aside by a district for a specific project the JPA cannot touch it. WV would also retain control of the Bagdad contract if the JPA falls apart. WV is helping Southern Yavapai keep their books in order and is training their members. They are a 501c entity and will not be part of the JPA. It does sit on the edge of an area WV may be looking to annex. County investigated Skull Valley Fire due to emergency response concerns and would like a district to manage them; however, the County cannot force a district to manage Skull Valley as they are a 501c. Crown King Fire will not be part of the JPA and will remain a contract with MFD. George Price, Chairman of WV Fire Board will be in contact with Chairman Thurman.

**9. Remove Michele Baca from all BMO (formerly Bank of the West) bank accounts and add Member Norman Perry to all BMO bank accounts**

Board Member Perry was absent but had agreed to being added to the BMO bank accounts.

Upon a motion by Board Member, Lundeen, seconded by Board Member Junkins, the Board unanimously approved adding Norman Perry to all BMO bank accounts.

**10. Future Agenda items**

We will have a permit to install the emergency beacon signs by the next meeting.

**11. Future meeting dates**

JPA discussion with WV

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

APPROVED



Board Clerk