

Mayer Fire District

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES MARCH 20, 2024

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM.

2. Pledge of allegiance

3. Roll call of members

Present: Board Chairman Thurman, Clerk Tang, Member Junkins & Member Lundeen attends telephonically. Member Perry is not 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 123 calls last month with the bulk being EMS. No major fires.

The congressional directed spending window is now open. We will submit for a grant to build a new station 23 this year, however it will be submitted a little differently. These grants are tiered and based on population, however in reading through the grant, the population can be based on the population of the neighborhood being served and does not have to include the population of the entire district. The Cordes Lakes area has approximately 2,800 people and the way the grant is broken down is if the population is less than 5,000 then they will pay 75% and we only have to match 25%. Previously we put in for the grant using the entire district population which would mean we would have to match 45%. There is potential for us to save a significant amount of money.

We will also be filing for the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG) to cover equipment, hoses, tools, and a water tender. If the water tender is granted it would be a 5% match.

A homeland security grant was submitted for Hazmat equipment and that is a "no match grant". We will know the end of April or beginning of May if we have received this grant.

Paramedic school started February 20th and everyone who was enrolled is still enrolled and doing well.

CAFMA has made a commitment to be in the top 75th percentile of area wages and they are currently not in the percentile. CAFMA Chief Freitag has cited Prescott Valley Police starting wages are \$62,000 per year and firefighters pay is at \$54,000 - \$55,000 per year.

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

None

7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Profit & Loss for February 2024**
 - b. **County Treasurer's Report for February 2024**
 - c. **Balance Sheets for February 2024**
 - d. **Check registers for February 2024**
 - e. **Petty Cash Report for February 2024**
 - f. **Call Report for February 2024**
 - g. **Out of District Report for February 2024**
 - h. **Regular Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2024**

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

8. **Update on materials received for emergency beacon lights**

Member Lundeen updates that all the physical hardware is installed. An additional 150' of antenna cable was ordered and arrived. Captain Brian Simington will be working on installing the antenna and running the additional cable and should be completed by the end of the month. Tapco who provided the beacon lights had an error in shipping all of the batteries. The missing batteries are being shipped today, March 20th. When the batteries arrive Quail will finish the installation.

9. **Insurance coverage**

Mayer Fire District does have Director and Officer coverage under the existing management liability insurance, and it falls under the districts umbrella insurance as well. A 1 million per occurrence with an aggregate of 5 million to cover our directors and officers. Member Lundeen believes this may be a little inadequate and would like an opinion from Doug Fant, if he thinks this is sufficient. Mr. Fant believes there is a state statue passed by the Arizona State Legislature that prevents volunteers that sit on boards for any kind of taxing district to be sued unless fraud is involved. Mr. Fant will confirm and get back to us.

10. **Intergovernmental Agreement with Williamson Valley Fire District**

Member Lundeen states that the IGA expires next month and asks if the district needs to consider any changes to the IGA. Chief Smith explains that the term of the Shared Services Agreement is for one year from the effective date and will automatically renew for up to two additional one-year periods for a max of three years unless one of the parties terminates the agreement. The Shared Management Agreement will auto renew. Item tabled.

11. **Intergovernmental Agreement with Crown King Fire District**

Discussion is held regarding Crown King's fire station/property, apparatus, equipment, staff, training, fire board, etc.

Clerk Tang motions to suspend activity on the current IGA Crown King Fire District and additionally authorize the Board Chairman and any other board members who wish to accompany him to investigate alternative business arrangements with Crown King Fire District. Seconded by Member Junkins. The motion is unanimously approved.

12. **Update on Crown King Fire District progress**

Chairman Thurman, the Chairman of the CKFD, Supervisor Gregory, the County Administrator and Chief Smith met and there is a lot of conflict between the CKFD Board and the community of Crown King. Due to the conflict decisions are not being made and progress is not being made. The Mayer Fire District Board has two options. We can

leave things as is and have the IGA remain in place. Or the Crown King Fire District Board is willing to resign so that we, the Mayer Fire District Board, can take them over

and consolidate their district with ours. Chairman Thurman feels like the Mayer Fire Board should help them and proceed with the consolidation.

Chief Smith explains that the County Administrator and Supervisory Gregory are the persons who have initiated the process of us taking over the Crown King Fire District. The current Crown King Fire Board is agreeable in stepping down and allowing us to take control. If we do not take them over then, the board members are still going to step down and the county will have to appoint a special administrator. They currently have a \$900,000 grant to build a fire station. They also have a million dollars' worth of bonding that they can use. And do not have any outstanding bond debt. They have the same policies and procedures and SOG's as us. As of now they have two full-time employees on every day consisting of 5 fire fighters but no paramedics at this time. For equipment they have a UTV ambulance being built, a typical ambulance, a fire engine, a water tender and a regular UTV. Also, their air packs, radios and PPE are all the same as we use.

13. Discussion regarding Mayer Daze Grand Marshal

MFD is willing to send the on-duty Battalion Chief, Chief Haney to be Grand Marshal.

14. Future Agenda items

Upcoming CPR class scheduled for April 18th at 6:00pm at the Cordes Lakes Community Center.

Preliminary budget.

Babysitter class during the summer.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Crown King Fire District or Crown King Fire District progress

Alternative business arrangements with Crown King Fire District

Intergovernmental Agreement with Williamson Valley Fire District

15. Future meeting dates

April 17th, 2024

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.



Clerk Tang



Date

