

Mayer Fire District

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

April 17, 2024

Clerk Tang is Acting-Chairman and Member Junkins is Acting Clerk.

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of allegiance

3. Roll call of members

Present: Acting-Chairman Tang, Acting Clerk Junkins, Board Members Lundeen & Perry
Chairman Thurman was 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 117 calls for service. Last month's ambulance revenue will appear to be down. The billing facility was hacked in February and now the billing is being done by hand instead of electronically. Normally there is a 7-10 day turnaround for payment and it currently is taking 30-45 days.

Wildland season has not started yet but it will soon. We participated in the Basin Ops Drill with PFD, CAFMA and PNF. Our guys did well.

All of the big federal grants are now in. We put in for the Assistance to Fire Fighters grants for equipment and apparatus. The Safer Grant for 3 personnel on the WVFD side and 3 personnel on the CKFD side. We also submitted for a regional grant hosted by us, Mayer Fire District. We currently have a training grant hosted by WVFD for approximately \$400,000 over a 4-year performance. Congressionally Directed Spending has opened. We put in for a fire station and a water tender. We were recently awarded a homeland security grant due to a reallocation of funds. We purchased a decontamination shower and should receive reimbursement soon.

There was a big apartment fire in Prescott Valley, and we were able to help out and send an engine to cover Dewey.

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

There is an upcoming convention, and one person will be attending. We have a new uniform vendor we will be using. Everyone is happy with no complaints.

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Profit & Loss for March 2024**
- b. County Treasurer's Report for March 2024**
- c. Balance Sheets for March 2024**
- d. Check registers for March 2024**
- e. Petty Cash Report for March 2024**
- f. Call Report for March 2024**
- g. Out of District Report for March 2024**
- h. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2024**

Member Lundeen motions to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Acting Clerk Junkins. The vote was Aye – 4, Nay – 0. The Board unanimously approves.

8. Updates on:

a. Emergency beacon lights

The project is complete and working to satisfaction. A thank you to Brian Simington and Ian Neilson for their assistance with this project.

b. Crown King Fire District

Scott Beck, a CKFD Board Member is attending the meeting today. Doug Fant, Esq. explains that if the Crown King Fire District Board and the Mayer Fire District Board unanimously approve the merger then an election is not needed to institute the merger.

Chief Smith informs everyone he has just learned that if the merge goes through CKFD will lose the \$800,000 grant to build the new fire station. There is a work around if the Prescott National Forest will include the crew house in the new lease then a new fire station would not be necessary. The crew house is sufficient and the only thing that would need to be addressed is the parking of the apparatus. Which a metal building could be purchased for approximately \$50,000 and it could be purchased using the bond money that CKFD has available. CKFD Board Member Scott Beck will follow up with PNF regarding the lease.

Board Member Lundeen moves to table the conversation to permit the perspective boards to further explore nuances of the merging of the fire districts. Seconded by Acting Clerk Junkins. The Board unanimously approves.

c. Insurance coverage

Mr. Fant Updates the board that the Attorney General's Handbook, Chapter 13 lays out how insurance coverage works for state officers under the Arizona Legislature §41-621.A..3 that the board has mandatory indemnification. It covers you in the course and scope of your employment or authorizations. The rule states that the Attorney General's office will defend you or hire outside council. They will also pay for any attorney fees, court costs and litigation expenses. Copies of the statute will be available for everyone.

Chief Smith adds that the District also has directors and officers coverage which would be secondary to the states coverage.

9. Upcoming CPR class April 18, 2024, 6:00 PM at Cordes any Community Center

Is scheduled for tomorrow and is advertised on social media. Unknown how many people have signed up.

- 10. Babysitter class during summer**
No update, still considering putting one on this summer.
- 11. Preliminary Budget**
Is due next month to the county so they can do their FDAT. There are no significant changes in next years budget. It will be very similar to current budget.
- 12. Intergovernmental Agreement with Williamson Valley Fire District**
Mr. Fant will write the addendum the coming week.
- 13. Intergovernmental Agreement with Crown King Fire District**
Does not expire until December.
- 14. Alternative business arrangements with Crown King Fire District**
Nothing more to add since it was covered earlier in the meeting.
- 15. Future Agenda items**
Preliminary budget and Crown King Fire District consolidation
- 16. Future meeting dates**
May 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
- 17. Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Acting Clerk Junkins



Date