

Mayer Fire District

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

July 17, 2024

1. **Call to order**
Meeting called to order at 4:30pm
2. **Pledge of allegiance**
3. **Roll call of members**
Present: Chairman Thurman, Clerk Tang, Board Members Junkins, Lundeen, 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**

Last Saturday we had a wildland fire that evolved into two structure fires, both of which were single wide non-occupied trailers. The fire was started by someone weed eating and by the time our first engine arrived the first structure was already gone and the second was fully involved. We received mutual aid from CAFMA, Copper Canyon Fire, Daisy Mountain Fire, Sedona Fire and Williamson Valley Fire all of which actively engaged in fighting fire.

Chief Tunis had multiple lightning strike fires in the Bagdad area that threatened houses however none caught fire. This was happening at the same time the Hillside Fire in Congress was burning. Also, during that time Congress had a train derailment. Then as Chief Tunis drove back to Bagdad from Congress, he came across what is now the Thompson Fire and he called that fire in. And as I drove home from Congress I came across a single vehicle roll over and was able to render aid until the fire engine was able to get there.

As far as wildland assignments we have several individuals and teams out.

Regarding the year end financials, right after the end of the fiscal year we received approximately \$160,000 in wildland assignment reimbursements that we had been waiting for. And we are still waiting on an additional \$75,000. You may end up hearing the same thing from the auditor this year as we did last year. However, we did end in the black for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The ambulance billing is still being caught up on due to the ransomware.

Today we found out we have been awarded a silver award for excellence in care for out of hospital cardiac arrest, cardiac related cases and strokes. There are less than ten of these awards given in the state of Arizona from bronze to gold. Congratulations to our crews for superior medical services.

Member Lundeen asked if Mayer has a swift water rescue team, and do we need one? Chief Smith explained we do have a technical rescue team, and our members are part of the Basin team which is a county wide team. They can respond regionally with CAFMA or Prescott Fire if there is a big call or individually with our crews. We do have swift water rescue equipment here at our station and we normally get 3 to 5 calls a year. We don't have a tone of technical rescue calls but when we do they tend to be highly dynamic.

Chief Smith also stated that with regards to TRT, Chief Tunis just returned from Oklahoma State University where he met with the textbook committee he is on. Chief Tunis is a subject matter expert for technical rescue, and he helps the textbook committee with their publications.

I haven't heard anything back about the congressionally directed spending grant other than the fact that we were awarded the grant and are just waiting to get through the appropriations. I have a little news regarding the AFG grant, assistance to firefighters grant. That was the regional grant we put in for hose, tools, nozzles, adapters and equipment like that. They called me asking for some clarification on a couple things so that is a very good sign. We also just put in for a grant through the feds for generators at all the fire stations.

Our mechanics have been extremely busy, we've got a bunch of busted up trucks right now. Engine 22 blew a radiator, another engine pulled bad water in and it messed up a valve, a piece of electronics broke on another truck and it is now obsolete part and lastly an ambulance sprung a hydraulic fluid leak.

Paramedic school is almost done. They have another two to two and a half months left. We will have 4 new medics when they are completed. The next class will start soon, and we will be sending another 3 through the class.

Member Lundeen asks the if for the Cordes Lakes community water festival the crew on duty would be willing to have an engine go over there and spray the kids. Chief Smith lets him know we just need the dates and times and we'll send a crew over.

Clerk Tang tells everyone he has recently linked up with the Spring Valley Volunteer's and they want to start cleaning up the median down Spring Lane. They will be offering different organizations in the area to maintain one of the spots on the median and in turn they will get a fancy sign reflecting their organization. And he would like to offer Mayer Fire District one of those spots.

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

None

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Profit & Loss for June 2024**
- b. **County Treasurer's Report for June 2024**
- c. **Balance Sheets for June 2024**
- d. **Check registers for June 2024**
- e. **Petty Cash Report for June 2024**
- f. **Call Report for June 2024**
- g. **Out of District Report for June 2024**
- h. **Special Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2024**

Member Lundeen asks to explain the reimburse payroll expense budget of \$350,000.

Chief explains how he has figured it vs how it *has* been figured. He put into account 5131 all of the payroll expenses even including the shared employees that we're buying back from WVFD and that is what the cost of 1.2 million is. We ended up spending roughly \$900,000. However, our accountant puts both of those things in the reimbursed employee expenses. For example, in the employee reimbursed expenses I had in there all the money we would get from WVFD. The money that MFD is paying goes out as a negative number and the money that is coming in from WVFD comes in as a positive. Now instead of having employee expenses where I think they should be which is up on top they are now on both lines. The checks that go back and forth between the two districts to make things whole are crossing in that bottom line.

Member Junkins moved to accept the Consent Agenda items A – H. Member Perry seconded. The vote was Aye-5, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

8. **Agreement with Central Yavapai Fire and Medical Authority for Back-Up Ambulance Services**

CAFMA received their CON and their plan is to put one ambulance in Chino Valley and one in central Prescott Valley. Since this information has come out Life Line Ambulance has announced they are shutting down 3 stations, Chino Valley, Dewey and Prescott Valley. Due to this it leaves Dewey with no ambulance. Priority Ambulance is a 10-minute drive away which is within their CON rules for response time. The concern for CAFMA is when Priority Ambulance gets busy there is no ambulance close to Dewey. This agreement would allow CAFMA to call us directly instead of the call first going through Priority or Life Line and then coming to us. It is very much like the same agreement we have with Copper Canyon Fire and Daisy Mountain Fire. Mutual aid says *if* they call us and *if* we have the ambulance available then we will send one. However, if we are down to one ambulance we would not send over our last one.

Member Perry moved to accept the Agreement with Central Yavapai Fire and Medical Authority for Back-Up Ambulance Services. Clerk Tang second the motion. The vote was Aye-5, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

9. Update regarding Crown King Fire District

Chairman Thurman is working with an architect now on the station drawing. He is the architect that did the Granite Creek Parking garage, and he is well respected in the Prescott area. Crown King Fire board is anxious to merge with our district however that cannot be done until the fire station is complete and the criteria for the building of the station is met. There are some questions regarding the grant and those questions are in the process of being answered by Senator Kelly's office. The agreement between CKFD and the architect is in the process of being set up because they do have some discretionary funds available to be used for this. Chief Smith and the CKFD Chairman Drye will also be involved in the agreement. PNF is now allowing some of the trees we needed to be cut down to be cut down. With this we are now able to enlarge the station to 76' wide by 54' deep with 4 bay doors. There will be an office in the front right for the public, living quarters in the back, a mezzanine above and a kitchen.

The idea of a metal building has been thrown out due to the problematic of the area and getting someone to the area to assemble a metal building.

10. Update on virtual reality training tool

Chairman Therman and Chief Tunis went to a tutorial at the Mountain Institute and we now have two things called Flaim, it's a tool that teaches our trainees and firefighters virtually how to deal with all types of fires and structures. These Flaim's are an oculus type of VR and are about \$65,000 each. They will be available to our crews for a month or so.

11. Future Agenda items

Conveyance of land from the county

12. Future meeting dates

August 21, 2024, at 4:30pm

13. Adjournment

Member Lundeen motions to adjourn. Seconded by Member Junkins. The vote was Aye-05, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm


Tuan A. Tang, Board Clerk


Date

