REGULAR MEETING OF THE MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT BOARD:
Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, at 6:30pm
98 N. Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602
Minutes

Call to Order 6:30 PM

Roll Call:

Dana Law Present, **Debi Wise** Present**, Sonja Salcido** Present, **Wade Temple** Present, **William Clowers** Present**, Chief Nied** Present.

A quorum is present.

Item 1: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Item 2: **BOARD COMMENTS//CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
No Board comments.

Mary McCool submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning bylaws.
Bob Murray signed up on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board concerning zoom availability.

Item 3: **APPROVED MINUTES:**
Review, discussion, and possible action to approve the Draft minutes of the: Regular Meeting, December 17, 2025 and the Special Meeting minutes of Dec 30, 2025.

Motion to approve made by Wade Temple; 2nd Sonja Salcido
No discussion:

Item 4: **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
Review, discussion, and possible board action to approve the December 2025 Financial Reports, as prepared by Elizabeth Riopel of Municipal Accounts & Consulting

Motion to approve Wade Temple; 2nd Sonja Salcido
No Discussion.

Vote: Wade Temple Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Dana Law Yes, William Clowers Yes, Debi Wise Yes.

Item 5: **COMMISSIONED FLAGS PRESENTATION:**

Wade Temple presented the District with the wooden flags made by Gary Lakin for the Admin office and to Captain Olander for the station. Flags were gifted to the District by Chief and Mrs. Nied.

Item 6: **DONATION RECOGNITION:**

Chief Nied recognized Ms. Sandra (redacted per donor's request) who is making a large donation of approximately $100,000 towards the new fire station, Mr. Gowers representing the J6 Church of Christ for their donation enabling the District to buy 3 new AED replacement machines in the amount of approximately $4300.00, and Mr. John Buette and Mr. Phil Cessac of Southline Transmission Project Inc. for their donation of $20,000 to the District, Mr. Wade Temple presented the Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the District.

Item 7: **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:**

Captain Olander presented FF/Paramedic Brandee Kearney with her pin for being with the District 11 years. Captain Olander spoke very highly of FF/Paramedic Kearney's accomplishments both in the FF/Paramedic arena and on the admin side at the station. and what an asset she is to the District.

Item 8: **ADMIN POLICY UPDATES:**

Review, discussion and possible action to approve updated policies: Numbers-1-11; 16-20; 70.

Tabled, as the policies are not quite ready for review. A work session will be scheduled for the Board to review the updated policies when they are ready, instead of taking up time in meeting, as there are quite a few.

No Action taken.

Item 9: **BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Review, discussion and possible action for Amendment to Bylaws**;** Article 10 "Amendments to Bylaws". Proposed changes on the separate sheet provided.

Discussion:

Debi Wise: The bylaws in Article 10 were a holdover from the old bylaws, however upon having to utilize them, it has become clear that as written, they no longer suit the Board's needs. It is common practice to not have 2 meetings to approve bylaw changes within other Districts. If we need time to look them over, and not approve in a meeting, we can always decide on the time frame needed, instead of taking up the board's time with being obligated to have 2 meetings to approve simple wording changes, as we saw last month. So, I have proposed these bylaw changes. (Attached with Meeting agenda).

No Action taken.

Item 10: **CHIEF'S REPORT**
Update on District operations.
No action taken.

Item 11: **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: February 25th, 2026.**

Item 12: **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S):**
None brought forth.

Item 13: **ADJOURN**
Motion to adjourn Wade Temple; 2nd Dana Law
No discussion:
Vote: Wade Temple Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Dana Law Yes, William Clowers Yes, Debi Wise Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

Deborah Wise
Mescal J6 Fire District Board Clerk