



Regular Meeting of the
Mescal-J6 Fire District Board
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 6:30pm
98 N. Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:30pm

ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Dana Law Board Chair
Debi Wise Board Clerk
Mike Nervik Board Member
Sonja Salcido Board Member
Wade Temple Board Member
Chief Nied

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

All board members are present

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Owen Kiley, representing himself, submitted his request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board.

Item 3: APPROVED MINUTES

Discussion: Dana Law: The draft was incorrectly dated Dec 20, 2024.

Approved Regular Meeting minutes of December 18, 2024 as amended.

Motion made by Mike Nervik; Seconded by Wade Temple.

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 4: APPROVED FINANCIAL REPORT

Elizabeth Riopel of Municipal Accounts & Consulting presenting electronically.

Approved Financial Report of December 2024.

Motion made by Debi Wise; Seconded by Wade Temple.

Voting:



Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 5: TABLED RETAINING FUNDS IN CASH ACCOUNT

Chief Nied presenting. Elizabeth Riopel of Municipal Accounts & Consulting attending electronically.

Discussion: Retaining the Fire District's cash on hand in one account for a short time, as is customary for Fire Districts and Departments to do, instead of borrowing from the county unnecessarily and paying interest to the county.

Tabled until February's meeting to receive clarification from the accountant and other sources.

Motion made by Mike Nervik; Seconded by Wade Temple.

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 6: APPROVED NEW CREDIT CARD OPTION

Chief Nied presenting. Cynthia from NBA available to answer questions electronically.

Discussion: 1.3% return on purchases. Ease of bookkeeping. No yearly fee.

Approved use of Consortium Commercial Card for Cities, Municipalities, and Special Districts.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded by Soni Salcido

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 7: APPROVED ARIZONA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Chief Nied Presenting.

Discussion: Resolution read to the board.

Approved ASDA Resolution.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded by Mike Nervik

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 8: TABLED STREAMING PLATFORM

Wade Temple Presenting.



Discussion: The new .gov domain for the new website is secured, along with all domains with a similar name. Hosting is facilitated by IMD for \$0, saving MJ6FD approximately \$9,120.00 a year. Zoom streaming possibly facilitated.

Tabled streaming platform discussion until February's meeting.

Motion made by Mike Nervik; Seconded by: Wade Temple.

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido No, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Ms. Salcido is against live streaming for the MJ6FD meetings due to security issues.

Item 9: TABLED MJ6FD OPERATING PROCEDURE #23

Mr. Nervik would like to modify and amend the Mescal J6 Fire District Standard Operating Procedure # 023 Specifically, " Section IV: Guidelines"

Discussion: Policy amendments suggestions are presented to the Chief; the Chief presents it to the attorney for review, then once written as amended, the policy is presented to the board for approval.

Tabled policy amendment until February's meeting.

Motion made by Dana Law; Seconded by: Debi Wise

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik No, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Mike Nervik refused to give a reason for his "no" vote.

Item 10: CHIEF'S REPORT

Attached.

**Item 11: APPROVED EXECUTIVE SESSION
APPROVED ATTNY MATURA'S OVERTIME ASSESSMENT
APPROVED OVERTIME PAYMENT DUE**

Approved Executive Session to Consult with Attorney.

Motion made by Wade Temple; Seconded by Soni Salcido

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Entered into Executive Session to consult with MJ6FD attorney at 8:07pm.

RECONVENE MEETING at 8:31p.m.

District Attorney Jeffrey Matura Presenting.



Discussion: Due to hiring a 5th employee, the FLSA was enacted. Chief Nied caught the oversight on payroll. Attorney Matura handled the situation through all proper channels. There was no fault of anyone to be determined. There is no Dept. of Labor involvement. Overtime pay due to Josh Olander in the amount of \$82,940.00 for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for 2000 hours of overtime, which is approximately between 83-92% of the hours available on the schedule. Mr. Olander will consult a tax professional and MJ6FD will work out a disbursement schedule.

Approved Attorney Jeff Matura's assessment of overtime hours and total as presented, and authorizing payment for past due overtime wages of \$82,940.00 due to Josh Olander for the time period from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The determined amount for January 2025 to be included at a later time.

Motion made by Debi Wise; Seconded by Wade Temple.

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 12: APPROVED FINANCIAL REVIEW BY LISA S. PARKE, AUDIT & ASSURANCE PARTNER, WALKER & ARMSTRONG

Approved financial review to be submitted to the county.

Motion made by Debi Wise; Seconded by Mike Nervik

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 13: FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:
Next meeting February 26, 2025

Item 14: FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S):
Captain Olander's overtime pay disbursement and January 2025 total.
Tabled items:
District funds transferred within District's accounts.
Zoom streaming platform.
Amendment of MJ6FD Operating Procedure #23.

Motion made by Mike Nervik; Seconded by Sonja Salcido.

Voting:

Debi Wise Yes, Sonja Salcido Yes, Mike Nervik Yes, Wade Temple Yes, Dan Law Yes

Item 15: ADJOURN: 9:11pm

Minutes compiled and submitted

By: Deborah Wise Deborah Wise Board Clerk

